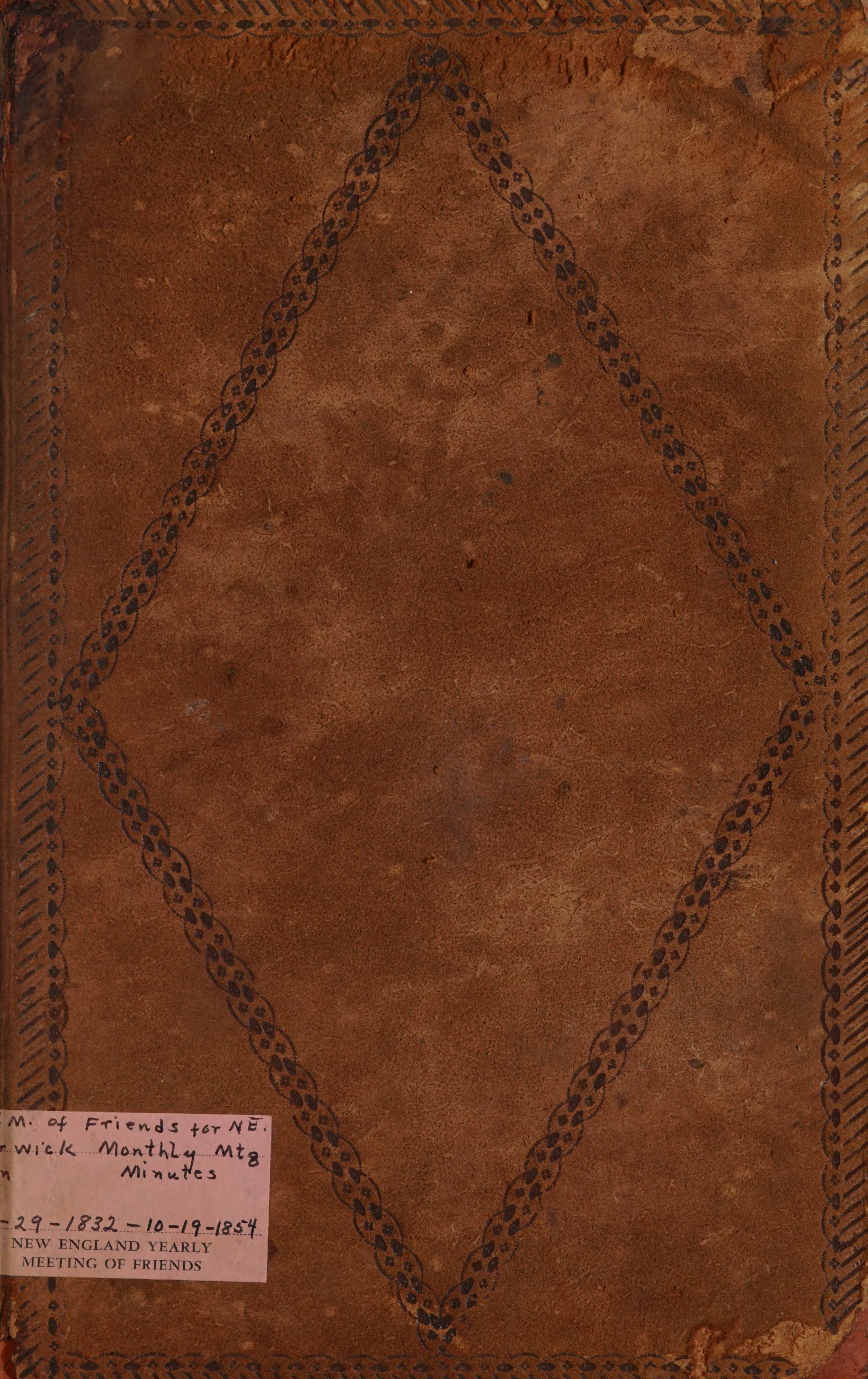

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Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England—Sixth Month, 1836.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, Jun. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured, during the past year, to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, in superintending the various concerns of the Institution.

Since our last report, Seth and Mary Davis have, by their request, been released from their engagement as Superintendents, and Enoch and Lydia Breed have again come in temporarily, to supply their places. Moses B. Lockwood, Jonathan Slocum, Louis Taber, and Valentine Meader, are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Mary Ann Barker, Emmeline Aldrich, and Elizabeth H. Osborne, in the Girls'. George W. Read is employed as Instructer in the Languages. Isaac C. Hathaway continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of school hours, and to act as book-keeper.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, and it appears that on account of some improvement in the buildings and for other purposes, some expenses have accrued beyond the usual expenditures, and that the receipts for board and tuition, from the income of the funds, and from other sources, have fallen short of meeting the expenses, about one thousand dollars; notwithstanding which, we think proper to propose, that the price for the admission of scholars, and the privilege to Monthly Meetings, be continued the same as last year.

In the 8th month last, the accompanying Circular on the subject of Plainness was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings, and there appears at the present time to be a cheerful conformity on the part of the inmates of the Institution, to the requisitions therein contained.

The average number of Scholars during the past year, has been one hundred and twenty-seven.—Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony prevails.

In addition to the attention usually given to the School, the Committee deem it proper to inform the Yearly Meeting, that in the tenth and fourth months a special Committee visited the Schools, and spent several days in investigating the improvement of the Scholars and the condition of the Institution. By the reports of these Committees we are informed, that the state of the Schools, with respect to literary improvement, was very satisfactory, the exercises of the scholars evincing an industrious attention to their various studies. They also inform us, that the Schools are under good government, the children appearing readily to conform to the rules of the Institution.

On behalf of the Committee,

ARNOLD CONGDON, *Clerk.*

At a meeting of the Committee of the New-England Yearly Meeting Boarding School,

held 8th month 7th, 1835—

The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends, and to point out, more explicitly than we have heretofore done, what we consider a proper dress for the children of this School.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimonies in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a hedge round about us, which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." And "let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price."

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver—were our hopes and dependence placed on Him—how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech and behaviour, which is strictly required in the School. And it will be expected of every male admitted into this Institution, that his body-coat, jacket and vest, be single-breasted, and without lappels or falling collars, and that where any of these are figured, that they be of patterns consistent with the plainness required in other parts of the dress—and that they wear hats, caps being excluded.

In the dress of females we expect a correspondent degree of plainness, and that they avoid the extravagance of the fashions of the present day. They will be required to wear silk, or plain straw bonnets, without any trimmings for ornament. Their frocks or gowns should be of materials that are plain in color, and conformable in the size of the sleeves, and in other respects to convenience and propriety, and not according to the vain fashions of the world. Their handkerchiefs and collars should be without edgings or trimmings—and no article intended for ornament merely, will be permitted to be worn.

In order to carry into effect these regulations, the Superintendents are to examine the trunks and packages of the children previous to admission, and if any articles are found unsuitable on account of plainness, or for any other cause, they will be laid aside, or altered, and the expense charged to the parents or guardians.

No Scholar will be admitted into the School after the present quarter, or permitted to remain here, who does not comply strictly with these regulations. And Committees of Monthly Meetings are desired to be careful not to give certificates to any children who will not conform thereto.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

ARNOLD CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, Sixth Month, 1836.

The Committee to whom was referred the answers to the Queries in regard to Schools, and the subject of Education generally, produced the following Report, which was acceptable to the Meeting. And a concern being felt by Friends, that the interesting subject of the guarded education of our beloved children and youth, may continue to rest impressively upon the minds of all our members, and produce such efforts to accomplish the object in view as circumstances will admit, the Clerk was directed to forward copies of the Report to our subordinate Meetings, and they were requested to pay the necessary attention to preparing Answers, giving as much in detail as they are able, the information required; and transmit such answers and information, through the usual channels of communication, to this Meeting next year. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, JUN. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, report, That they have taken it into consideration, and formed a digest of the information received from the several Quarterly Meetings. They regret that this information is not more complete in its details, to enable the Yearly Meeting to have a more definite knowledge of the number of children that have attended select or family schools the past year. The accounts, however, afford evidence that increased attention has been given to the subject, while they believe that much yet remains to be accomplished, within the power of Friends. The Committee are desirous that all our members should be encouraged to persevere in this important and very interesting concern. Were a more lively interest awakened, and renewed efforts made in reference to it, the results would doubtless prove extensively beneficial, and afford a source of satisfaction to those engaged to promote the guarded education of their children. By the accounts reeceived, there appear to have been, in the course of the year,

22 Family,
2 Preparative Meeting,
and 3 Monthly Meeting Schools,

one or two of which have continued the greater part of the year, while the remainder have generally continued a few months only. The number of scholars that have attended them is reported to be about four hundred; making an increase since last year of nearly two hundred. Although we find by the reports, that the number of Friends' children within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, between the ages of *four* and *twenty-one,* is upwards of three thousand, yet about one seventh only, enjoy the advantages of schools under the care of members of our society. From this view of the subject, the importance of further exertion will urge itself, with peculiar force, upon the minds of Friends.

The Committee are well aware, from the scattered location of Friends in some parts of the Yearly Meeting, that many difficulties are to be encountered in carrying their wishes into practical effect. In concluding this report, however, we can but express an earnest desire, that the younger members of the society who expect to engage in the business of teaching, would participate in the concern which attends the minds of their elder brethren and sisters; and if they sometimes make a trifling sacrifice on their own part, to enable parents to avail themselves more extensively of their services, the consciousness of having been instrumental in doing good, will no doubt, be a sufficient reward. We do, therefore, earnestly hope, that a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of their own society, with the desire of becoming its useful instruments, will induce them to adopt a disinterested course, in accordance with Christian duty.

We would propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the Queries adopted last year, be again sent down to the subordinate Meetings, with a note appended, requesting them to be particular in making full and definite reports of *all* the Children that attend schools under the care of Friends, and in giving such other information in relation to this subject, as may be interesting and useful to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

MOSES A. CARTLAND.

NEWPORT, 6 mo. 17, 1836.

The Queries above referred to, are,

1. How many Schools are there within your limits, under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting, and Family Schools)—and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the year?

2. How many children of Friends have attended Friends' Schools within the year?

[Monthly Meetings are requested to answer these Queries in season for the spring Quarterly Meetings, and to add any further information on the subject of Schools that it may seem desirable for the Yearly Meeting to become possessed of, in conformity with the above Report. And Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit these answers to our next Yearly Meeting.]

YEARLY MEETING

OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND, SIXTH MONTH, 1836.

This Meeting having become painfully aware, that there are in circulation among our members, various publications, purporting to be treatises upon, and expositions of the principles of our religious society, in various points of doctrine; but which are unauthorised by the society, and which give unsound and unjust views of our Christian principles, and are calculated to lead the minds of the unwary away from the faith once delivered to the saints, and from a settlement in the blessed truths of the Gospel always most surely believed and professed by us as a people, have felt themselves bound again to declare their unshaken faith in the truths thus sought to be laid waste.

We have always believed, we have been unwavering in our acknowledgment and profession of the truths declared in the Holy Scriptures, respecting the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, that "He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of "the Virgin Mary, lived and suffered in the world, "went about doing good, enforced by his precepts "and doctrines, the future rewards of the righteous "and the punishment of the wicked, and by miracles, "healing all manner of diseases and sickness among "the people, he shewed forth his power, his good"ness and his wonderful works among the children "of men, and finally made an offering of himself on "the cross, as a propitiation for our sins, and not for "ours only, but for the sins of thewhole world."—And we are prepared to confess, that no other foundation can any man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ; or in the words of George Fox to the governor of Barbadoes, "This Jesus, who was the "foundation of the apostles and prophets, is our "foundation; and we believe there is no other foundation to be laid, but that which is laid, even "Christ Jesus; who tasted death for every man, "shed his blood for all men, and is the propitiation "for our sins." We have also been constant in the profession of our belief of the authenticity and divine authority of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and in accordance with the testimony of Robert Barclay, do freely confess, "that "whatsoever doctrine is contrary unto their testimony may therefore be justly rejected as false."—And further, in the words of the same writer, "We "do firmly believe that there is no other gospel or "doctrine to be preached, but that which was delivered to the apostles, and do freely subscribe to "that saying, Let him that preacheth any other "gospel than that which hath been already preached "by the apostles, and according to the scriptures, "be accursed."

But while we have thus held and constantly professed, we have also been steadfast in our belief, according to the Scriptures, that this blessed Saviour appears in our hearts by his Spirit, according to his own testimony before he ascended to the glory which he had with the Father before the world was: "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto you." John xiv. 18.—And to the testimony of the apostle: "For God, who commanded the light to "shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to "give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God "in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. iv. 6. And we have ever been concerned to direct all to the light of Christ in the secret of the soul, as that principle of Divine Life by which alone regeneration and sanctification are to be witnessed; by which alone our dark hearts can be illuminated, and we be made truly alive unto God. That while we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of our sins, and that those who were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, we also firmly believe, that it is only through living faith in him that we can come to experience the blessed effects of what he has wrought out for us; and this faith is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.

We are concerned renewedly to bear our testimony to the spirituality of the Christian religion, that as the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, in our fallen and unregenerate estate, so it is in the heart that the work of grace must be experienced; and that in order thereto, we must submit to the cleansing operations of his Spirit there, become subject to his righteous government, and conformed to his holy will. Then indeed is he made unto us, "Wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption." 1 Cor. i. 30. It is only as we thus dwell under the influence of the Holy Spirit in our minds, that we can experience any right qualification to labour in the blessed Master's cause; and may we all seek after and wait for the fresh puttings forth of this heavenly Guide, ever bearing in mind the declaration of Christ, "Without me ye can do nothing."

We are concerned to exhort all our members to seek a settlement in these everlasting truths, and avoiding all speculation, rather humbly pray for ability in meekness and simplicity to obey God's holy will. Avoid therefore, we beseech you, all unprofitable reading, and the reception of those unsound doctrines and sentiments which are now in circulation. Rather reverently read and meditate in the Holy Scriptures, with humble prayer to the Lord that he would open your hearts to receive and savingly apply the glorious truths of his gospel;—so shall you be made partakers of his salvation.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters, we have no new doctrines to offer, but we feel earnestly engaged to exhort all our fellow members to a careful observance of that solemn warning of our Lord and Saviour: 'The time shall come when they shall say, Lo, here is Christ, or lo, he is there; go not after them."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting, by

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun. } *Clerks.*
HANNAH GOULD, Jun.

B. T. Congdon, Printer.

AN ADDRESS

FROM THE

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY
OF FRIENDS

FOR NEW-ENGLAND, TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
SOCIETY AND OTHERS.

that it cannot be necessary on the present occasion, in calling the attention of the members of the Society of Friends to this important subject, to do more than to remind them of the uniform concern of the Society to discourage the use of ardent spirits, and of their ancient and steady testimony against the lawfulness of all wars and fightings, and consequently against suffering any in their employ to trade in these articles.

We feel that we live in a land in which the principles and precepts of the religion of Jesus Christ are very generally acknowledged to be of binding validity, and that therefore we may, as professors of a common faith, extend our address beyond the pale of our own Society, and, in the Christian feeling which wishes the welfare of the human family, remind all who shall read this address of that beautiful precept of the Lord Jesus Christ—"all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." It appears to us that no one can for a moment doubt, that dreadful effects must inevitably follow the introduction of intoxicating drinks, among a people, unfurnished as the natives of the South Sea Islands are, with those powerful motives which measurably stay their fearful progress in a land, which, like ours, has been long blessed with the possession of the Holy Scriptures, which emphatically teach *temperance* in all things. Few, if any of the inhabitants of our own favored country, can have failed to have witnessed the ravages of intemperance among ourselves. Few, if any, can have failed to have seen the victims of this vice, become the degraded objects of commiseration, lost to all usefulness to their fellow men, and fit only to excite the pity of those around them. And if such be the effects of intemperance here, surrounded as we are with such powerful motives to avoid it, and with such untiring exertions constantly in operation to stay the destroyer, how fearfully desolating must be its effects among a people who lack, in a great measure, these aids to virtuous restraint ;—and to whose minds much that would be powerful here, must be addressed in vain.

We are authorized by the information we have received, to state, that in some of these Islands, there is a fearful destruction of human life, hastened by the use of ardent spirits; whole families in some cases both old and young being swept away. Surely something should be done to stop this desolating scourge of the human race. It is the suffering cause of an afflicted, injured people, and calls loudly for the attention of all who wish well to their fellow men Can any who share the feelings of good will to man, be instrumental in producing madness among these natives, by furnishing the means of intoxication, and then supply them with weapons of destruction to complete their misery? Does it need more than a simple statement of the evils produced, to cause every one to pause, ere he incurs the awful responsibility of contributing to evils like these? The Bible declares that "verily there is a reward for the righteous, verily he is a God who judgeth in the earth" and can he be held guiltless who shall thus contribute to so much and such hopeless misery?

If it be true that accountability is proportioned to knowledge and the opportunities for information, how exceedingly must the responsibility of the people of our countrybe increased by the high and important privileges enjoyed by us, and how exceedingly to be desired it is, that we might become the happy instruments in the Lord's hand of spreading the blessings of civilization, and the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, among those to whom they have not been so fully made known, and that we should spread this knowledge of these glorious Truths, unaccompanied by the evils and scourges which are too prevalent among the civilized portion of the human family. If pure Christianity, in all its glorious fulness, could be introduced, how would the wilderness and the solitary place be glad, the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose, and from the waste places of the earth sweet incense arise to the God and Father of all, for his abundant mercies?

Let us in the love of the Gospel, convey to all who shall read this appeal, the pathetic language of one of the chiefs of the Island of Eimeo in the South Sea, addressed to one who was engaged in warning his people against the fearful evils of intemperance. "He wished to say to me," said this person, "that after what I had declared to them relating to the effects of strong drink, he hoped I would go to Brittany (meaning England,) and beg the people to have mercy on them; and then go to America, and beg them there to have mercy also, because it was those countries that sent the poison amongst them." We cordially respond to this simple and pathetic petition of this native chief on behalf of himself and his people, and earnestly desire that the inhabitants of this land may indeed have mercy upon them.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid.

THOMAS HOWLAND, *Clerk.*

EXTRACTS

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 11*th to the* 16*th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month,* 1837.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and the attention given by the Committee to the concerns of the Institution placed under their care, was satisfactory to this Meeting. The following is the Report:—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The Boarding School Committee Report, that they have endeavoured to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in giving their attention to the various concerns of the Institution.

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony has prevailed. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and thirty-four. At the present time there are twelve scholars in the Institution who are not members of our religious Society, all but two of whom are connected with Friends. Our friends Enoch and Lydia Breed have continued, acceptably, to act as Superintendents, during the past year, but desiring to be released, we have at this time agreed with our friends Rowland and Alice Rathbun, to serve the Institution in that capacity, who are expected to enter upon this service the first of next month. Moses B. Lockwood, Jonathan L. Slocum, Samuel Austin and Lewis Taber are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Mary-Ann Barker, Emeline Aldrich, and Elizabeth H. Osborne, in the Girls'. George F. Reed is employed as instructor in the Languages. Isaac Hathaway continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of school hours, and to act as book-keeper, and Freelove Greene is employed as a care-taker of the Girls, and has charge of the sewing School.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the Institution is in debt, $5,158 65 cts. This debt may be ascribed, principally, to the high price, for the past two years, of the various articles of consumption required in the family, and to there not having been so large a number, as heretofore, admitted into the School, who were not members of our Society, the terms of whose admission are higher than for members. In order to meet the present deficiency, we have requested the Treasurer of the School Fund to effect a loan of five thousand dollars. It appearing to the Committee, that some means must be adopted to liquidate this debt, and to meet the probable current expenses of the School for the future, we propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, that Books and Stationary be charged to the scholars, at their cost at wholesale; that the privilege granted Monthly Meetings be suspended; that the allowance for travelling expenses to children who come from the three eastern Quarterly Meetings, be reduced from *six* to *four* cents per mile; and that the general price of board and tuition, (for members of this Yearly Meeting,) be raised to *seventeen* dollars per quarter, payable as heretofore, in *advance*—to commence on the first of *eighth* month next. By adopting this arrangement, with the probable reduction of cost in the articles of consumption, it is believed that the expenses of the School may be met, and the debt gradually discharged.

The amount of funds belonging to the Institution, for the schooling of poor children, including the bequest for that purpose by our late friend Moses Brown, is $6650. It is proposed that this should be kept, by the Treasurer, distinct from the general funds; and the income of it will support twelve children, six months each, at seventeen dollars per quarter.

We have continued to appoint committees to examine the School semi-annually, who, on these occasions, have devoted several days to the service. By their reports we are informed, that the general appearance of the School has been such as to give them much satisfaction. The scholars have given encouraging evidence of attention to their various studies, in most of which they have exhibited a proficiency alike creditable to them and to their teachers. There has been an agreeable manifestation of a conformity, on the part of the children, to the advice of Friends in respect to plainness.

In adverting to the past year we feel bound to acknowledge the preservation that has been mercifully extended to us, under which we trust, the School has been continued in good degree, in accordance with the intentions of the Yearly Meeting in its establishment.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th of 5th month, 1837.

The several propositions, contained in the preceding Report of the Boarding School Committee, having been referred for consideration, to a Committee of this Meeting, they produced, at a subsequent sitting, the following Report, which was united with, and was directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, in connection with the Report of the School Committee, viz.

"*To the Yearly Meeting.*—The Committee to take into consideration the propositions contained in the Report of the Boarding School Committee, report, that they have given them their careful consideration, and that they are united in opinion, that it will be best for the Yearly Meeting to adopt them, for the present year. We would propose however, (in accordance with the intention of the School Committee,) that the class Books, for reading, should be supplied to the scholars, free of expense, and that this information be appended to the Report of the School Committee.

"We would propose, in order for a proper selection of poor children to occupy the privilege of the charitable Fund,* that Monthly Meetings be requested to ascertain the number of children of this description, in their respective Meetings, and to communicate their names and ages to the acting Committee of the School, by the time of their meeting in the 9th month next, at Providence.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS JONES,
Newport, 6th month 14, 1837. MARY T. BROWN."

[*The words of Moses Brown's Will, in relation to his bequest, are,—"for the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such, by the respective Monthly Meetings; and females are to have equal advantages of the whole of this legacy as males."]

This Meeting having again taken under deliberate consideration, the propriety of admitting Children into its Boarding School, who are not members of our Society, came to the conclusion, that it would not be advisable to receive any children who are not members, except in those cases where one or both Parents are members, and who, in the judgment of the acting Committee, are proper subjects to become inmates of the Institution.

Answers to the Queries on the subject of Education, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, were read, and a Committee appointed to compile a digest of the information therein contained, and if way should open for it, to prepare a minute of advice on this subject. At a subsequent sitting, the Committee presented the following Report, viz.

"*To the Yearly Meeting.*—The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, report, that by the information received from the several Quarterly Meetings, there appear to have been, in the course of the past year, three Monthly Meeting schools, averaging six months; three Preparative Meeting schools, which averaged eight months; fifteen Family schools, averaging seven months, and one recently established. Also five private or select schools, under the entire control of Friends, but not confined exclusively to Friends' children. The number of scholars who have attended the above schools, [or who have received instruction at the Yearly Meeting's Boarding school,] is reported to have been about five hundred and fifty; making an increase, since last year, of one hundred and fifty. Several district schools have been taught by members of our Society.

"Although the information derived from the answers to the Queries, is not so full and explicit as would have been desirable, yet it affords evidence of the interest felt, by many Friends, in the welfare of the rising generation, by providing the means of acquiring a guarded education. While some parents, in many parts of our widely extended Yearly Meeting, are making commendable exertions to bring up their children in the way they should go, we regret that this concern is not more extensively felt. In looking over our Society, and beholding the children who are soon to take the places of the parents, and upon whom the important concerns of Society must ere long devolve, a deep solicitude is felt on this account, that the clay in the hands of the potter may not be marred on the wheel. We are aware that some of the peculiar testimonies which we are called upon to sustain, and which distinguish us from other religious denominations, are liable to be viewed by our children, who are compelled to associate with others in acquiring a practical education, as presenting a formidable obstacle in the way of their continuing consistent members of our Society;—and we earnestly recommend to parents, and particularly to those whose locations are so remote from each other, as to render it impracticable to establish schools of their own, to endeavor to remove this obstacle, as far as it may be done, by providing the means of instruction in their own families, and by impressing upon the minds of their offspring the importance of building up this hedge about them, which may prove the blessing of preservation in after years.

"In conclusion, we would simply advert to the necessity of still maintaining a lively interest in this highly important and interesting concern, not only as a duty incumbent upon *us*, but as a means of contributing to the happiness and welfare of the beloved youth.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM REYNOLDS."

Which having been read and considered, was satisfactory to us; and this Meeting having long been deeply interested for the guarded education of the children and youth of our Society, recommends this subject to the solid attention of Friends; and directs that copies of the Report be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England,—Sixth month, 1837.

This Meeting having been brought under exercise for the preservation and right advancement of the Christian testimonies, which distinguish us, to a great extent at least, from the various other bodies of professing Christians,—a concern has prevailed, that in all our movements to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, whether it be the amelioration of the condition of our fellow beings who are suffering under oppression, or the moral and religious improvement of our brethren of the human family generally,—a recurrence may be had, by all our members, to the ground of religious concern, and to the guidance of that Wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated,—and which is profitable to direct us in the path of safety. And under this exercise, an earnest solicitude has been felt, that we may do nothing to compromise the testimony to the spiritual nature of Divine worship, borne by our early Friends, when called upon to leave the various religious denominations with which they had been associated, and again to revive among the nations in which they were scattered, a testimony to the operative influence of the Spirit of Truth upon the mind of man, so amply borne witness to in the Holy Scriptures, as essentially necessary to the performance of every religious act, and for our guidance in every good word and work. And while we desire that we may all maintain a spirit and temper which will prevent us from condemning, or in any way attempting to impede the well meant endeavors of others to promote any of the objects of Christian benevolence, or of moral reform, that occupy the attention of the public mind, in the present day; we have believed that the preservation of the precious testimonies to which we have alluded, and our influence, as a religious Society, in promoting the important objects, alike desirable to every benevolent mind, very much depend upon a close adherence to our peculiar principles.

Under these considerations, we have believed, that to open our meeting-houses to Lecturers, whose opinions and principles, on many subjects, that *we* consider of primary importance, are widely different from ours, and which we apprehend are frequently brought into view in such lectures, will have a tendency to draw off the minds of our members, from an establishment in the truth of those principles which have ever been maintained by us, and from a practical exemplification of them in our conduct. It is therefore our advice and judgment, that all such applications for the use of our meeting-houses, may be discountenanced by Friends.

Extracted, by direction, from the Minutes of the Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk.

EXTRACTS

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 16*th to the* 21*st, inclusive, of the Sixth Month*, 1839.

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, with the Circular of the Committee, issued in 1835, thereto appended. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.

In again presenting their Annual Report to the Yearly Meeting the School Committee feel it right, notwithstanding some discouragements, gratefully to commemorate the mercy that has been extended to us, through which the various inmates of the Institution have been preserved in good health, and the School, we have cause to believe, has continued to be useful to those who have been placed in it.

Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the time of the vacations, and harmony we believe prevails. The average number of scholars during the past year has been seventy-seven.

The late Superintendents of the School having resigned their trust, we have engaged our friends Allen and Olive Wing to act in that capacity, who have entered upon the discharge of their duties; and Jonathan L. Slocum, Samuel Austin and George F. Read, are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the debts of the Institution have been reduced during the past year, and that its present indebtedness is about two thousand dollars. For more particular information of the receipts and expenditures we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith presented. In the present condition of the finances of the School, we have not thought it proper to propose any change in the terms from the prices of last year—which are $33 per term, for members of this Yearly Meeting; $45 for those scholars who are not members, where one or both parents are members, and $50 for the members of other Yearly Meetings, payable in advance. Ten Dollars per *term*, additional charge, is made for instruction in the Languages. We have concluded to propose that stationary and books be furnished the children, for their use in the School, free of expense, except such as are necessary in the study of the higher branches, including the Mathematics and the Languages, and that these be supplied at their actual wholesale cost.

The income of the charitable fund will about support *ten* scholars, one term each, and Monthly Meetings that may desire to occupy the privilege are requested to make application to the Acting School Committee in season for their admission at the commencement of the winter term, which this year will be on the fourth day of the eleventh month.

The division of the year into two terms with vacations has, we think, proved salutary in practice, and the examination at the close of each term has been interesting and useful; but in order that it may not be interrupted during its progress, we desire that no child may be withdrawn from the School until it is completed, which it is intended shall take place on fifth day of the last week of the term; so that children will be ready to leave on sixth day morning of that week.

The observance of plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, among the inmates of the Institution, has continued to claim our very serious attention, and we have laboured for the maintenance of the ancient testimonies of our Society in these respects. We have believed that usefulness might result from again forwarding the accompanying Circular, issued in 1835, to the several meetings of Friends; and the various Committees of the Monthly Meetings in recommending scholars to the School, as well as parents and guardians, are earnestly requested to exercise a care that the provisions therein contained are faithfully observed.

We also think it right to remind Friends of the established regulation of the School, that none are admitted into the male department, over fourteen years of age, who have not previously received permission from the Sub-Committee, which meets at the School House in Providence on third day preceding the first fifth day in every month.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 3d of 5th month, 1839.

[The next Summer term will commence on Second-day, 5th mo. 4th, 1840.]

At a meeting of the Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School held 8th mo. 7th, 1835—

The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends, and to point out, more explicity than we have heretofore done, what we consider a proper dress for the children of this School.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimony in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a hedge round about us, which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, " Let your moderation be known unto all men." And " let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price."

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver—were our hopes and dependence placed on Him—how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech and behaviour, which is strictly required in the School; and it will be expected of every male admitted into this Institution, that his body-coat, jacket and vest, be single-breasted, and without lappels or falling collars, and where any of these are figured, that they be of patterns consistent with the plainness required in other parts of the dress—and that they wear hats, caps being excluded.

In the dress of females, we expect a correspondent degree of plainness, and that they avoid the extravagance of the fashions of the present day. They will be required to wear silk, or plain straw bonnets, without any trimmings for ornament. Their frocks or gowns should be of materials that are plain in color, and conformable in the size of the sleeves, and in other respects to convenience and propriety, and not according to the vain fashions of the world. Their handkerchiefs and collars should be without edgings or trimmings—and no article intended for ornament merely, will be permitted to be worn.

In order to carry into effect these regulations, the Superintendents are to examine the trunks and packages of the children previous to admission, and if any articles are found unsuitable on account of plainness, or for any other cause, they will be laid aside, or altered, and the expense charged to the parents or guardians.

No scholar will be admitted into the School after the present quarter, or permitted to remain here, who does not comply sticrtly with these regulations. And Committees of Monthly Meetings are desired to be careful not to give certificates to any children who will not conform thereto.

EPISTLE

FROM THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

TO ITS SUBORDINATE MEETINGS.

Being again permitted to meet in our annual Assembly, our dear absent Friends have been affectionately brought to our remembrance, and we have been desirous that they might be partakers to some extent with us, in the exercises and interesting concerns that have claimed our attention.

Our meeting has been large and solemn; and we have had cause reverently to acknowledge that the wing of ancient Goodness has been in measure mercifully over us, and under its covering we have been favoured to conduct the concerns of the Church, that have come before us, in much brotherly love—to the Lord be the praise. We have had the acceptable company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have laboured to our comfort and edification.

By the Answers to the Queries, it appears that there are many deficiencies within our borders, and we have been brought earnestly to desire that there may be an increased concern among our members individually, faithfully to labour for their removal. A neglect of attending meetings for divine worship, particularly in the middle of the week, and a want of love and unity are among the painful deficiencies that are brought into view. Love to God and love to man—on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. When we remember our dependence upon Almighty God; when we reflect that every blessing that we enjoy both temporal and spiritual proceedeth from Him; that all things were formed and are still sustained by the word of His Power; that it is of His mercy that we are not consumed; how can we neglect the reasonable service of assembling ourselves together to worship Him? And how, beloved Friends, can we put up our petition to Him, that He will be pleased to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass againt us, while we continue to harbour in our hearts unkind feelings towards a brother? If we are wanting in these two most essential qualifications of the christian—love to God and love to man,—it is in vain for us to attempt to support availingly, any of our religious principles and testimonies; and we have been renewedly made sensible that a deficiency herein has led to the other departures that have been brought to our notice. Let us, dear Friends, scrupulously examine ourselves and know the condition of our hearts in this respect.

Among the failures in duly maintaining our religious testimonies we notice with sorrow, some of a military nature. The faithful support of our religious views of the peaceable nature of the Gospel of Christ has been felt by us at this time to be of great weight. We believe that our predecessors in religious faith had their minds divinely illuminated to understand the teachings of Christ and his Apostles on this subject, and that it is our duty to endeavour to come up faithfully in their footsteps. There are, as we apprehend, errors on either hand on this important doctrine; but we earnestly crave for our members that they may be preserved on the ancient, christian ground of our religious Society; believing that they will find this to be practical and safe ground for them to stand upon.

It is a day, beloved Friends, when the eyes of the people are much turned towards us; and we have ardently coveted that our Light might so shine before men that they seeing our good works may glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

The doctrine of the necessity of the immediate, qualifying power of the Holy Spirit in order for the discharge of religious duty, has ever been a fundamental principle of our Society, and must continue to be acknowledged by all faithful Friends as being necessary for us practically to receive. Our testimonies against War, Oaths, Slavery, &c. are *religious* testimonies; and we believe we can only successfully plead them before the world, or effectively enforce them upon others, as we receive this Heavenly qualification from the Great Head of the Church.

This Meeting has been introduced into much concern that our members may be preserved from attempting in their own time and strength to do the work of the Lord. Remember the declaration of the dear Redeemer—"My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready." And we have been led to fear that in associating with others who do not acknowledge, as we do, the need of this immediate, divine qualification in order for the performance of religious duties, we are in great danger of neglecting this fundamental principle, and of attempting to act with them in our own strength and zeal; and thus lose that ability to labour successfully in the Lord's cause which He is pleased graciously to vouchsafe to those whom He calls into His service. And under this feeling of concern we believe it right for us tenderly to persuade our dear Friends to avoid mingling with the various associations of the day for the support of those Christian testimonies which our Society has peculiarly felt itself called upon to bear before the world; but keeping together as a religious body, in love—looking unto the great Helper of His people for Holy assistance, we may yet trust, in the Lord's own good time, to be in some measure the humble instruments in His hand of doing His heavenly will.

Oh! dear Friends, let us be engaged to watch unto prayer; let us gather home in the spirits of our minds unto the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, and reverently wait upon Him; that thus we may be preserved from the spirit, the maxims and the policy of the world that leads unto death. May we be favoured to abide in Christ—"As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me." And now, beloved Friends, farewell. We desire that in simple faith we may commit ourselves into the preserving hand of Him "who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy—to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power forever."

Signed by direction, and on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 16th to the 21st of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1839.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.
HANNAH GOULD, jun. Clerk.

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The Records of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 6th mo 27th 1832
The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Brackett & John Fry who are present
Those that were appointed to prepare a Certificate for Oliver Dennett presented the following which is directed to be signed by the Clerk
The case of appointing a committee to bring forward names of persons for overseers is dismissed

To Falmouth Monthly Meeting

Oliver Dennitt Certificate

Oliver Dennett Having removed within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate for himself & wife Lydia
This may certify that they are members of this meeting their outward affairs are settled to Sattisfaction amongst us as far as appears as such we recommend them to your care and oversight
Signed by Direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held 29th of 6th mo 1832

Andrew Austin }
Phebe Meader } Clerks

Having cloased the buisness at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month
Andw Austin

1832. 7th Mo

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 27th of 7th mo 1832
The representatives from the preparative meeting are Isaac Varney & John Buffum who are present

Overseers Appointed

The preparative meeting having nominated William Hill Joshua Meader Paletiah Hussey & James Hussey for overseers for the year ensuing they are accordingly appointed to that station for one year with the addition of Joseph Brackett
Received the following Certificate from Dover Monthly meeting of friends in favour of Amasa Varney and family which is accepted

committe on Meetinghouse

Appointed William Hill Isaac Varney Stephen Neal and

2nd and Joseph Meader to examen the meeting house and the meeting house at Eliot and see what repairs are necessary and the probable expence of repairs and report to next to next meeting Appointed Benajah Buffum to cut the grass on the meeting house lot and take care of the same

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Amos Varney having removed with his family within the limits of your meeting requests our Certificate for himself and
Amos Comfort his wife and their Children Viz Cyrus and Hannah
Varney Breed this may Certify on their behalf that they are
Certificate members of our meeting of orderly lives and conversation and their outward affairs are settled with us as far as appears as such we recommend them to your Christian Care and oversight

Signed by direction and on behalf of said meeting
Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 25th
1832 By Joseph Tuttle
Sarah W Whittier } Clerks

Having no further Buisness at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Andrew Austin Clerk

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 17 of 8th Mo 1832

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Elijah Neal and Benajah Buffum who are present

The time for which the Clerks were appointed being expired Andrew Austin is appointed Clerk and Edward Jenkins assistant Clerk for the Day

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the answers to the first second and tenth query which directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by the representatives

The committee that was appointed to examen this meeting house and that at Eliot inform that they find it necessary the house at Eliot should be repaired and they estimate the expence of repairing it at one hundred Dollars and that they are not ready to report concerning this house; they are directed to make the necessary repairs to the meeting house at Eliot on this meeting; we ant Appointed Joseph Brackett William Hussey and Joshua Meader to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives

Appointed Benajah Buffum to take the necessary care of the horses at the ensuing Quarterly meeting

Having no further business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Andrew Austin Clerk for the Day

9 Mo. 1832

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 28th of 9 Mo. 1832.
The Representatives from the preparative meeting are James Hussey and Elijah Neal who are present.

Clerks appointed — Benajah Buffum is appointed Clerk and Edward Jenkins assistant Clerk for one year.

The Committee respecting the repairs of our meeting houses are continued.

This meeting has subscribed eighty seven dollars and fifty cents towards defraying the expence of repairs on Eliot meeting house.

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting inform they all attended.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

10 Mo

Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held 19th of 10 Mo 1832
The Representatives from the preparative meeting are Nicholas Estes and John Buffum who are present
We have read the Queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th queries which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly meeting to be held at Dover, and we appoint Benajah Buffum, Joseph Bracket and Stephen Nichols Representatives thereto. The Committee respecting the repairs of our meeting houses are continued. Having no further business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual (time in next month

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held 23rd of 11 Mo 1832

The Representatives from the preparative meeting are William Hussey and Elijah Neal who are present

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting inform they all attended -

The Committee respecting the repairs of our meetinghouses are again continued -

Josiah Prescott requests the care of Friends for his son Stephen Alfred and we appoint John Buffum and Joshua Jenkins to visit the family thereon and report at next meeting -

The following complaint is received from the Overseers through the preparative meeting against Christopher Buffum and we appoint Joseph Breck and Isaac Varney to visit him thereon and report at next meeting —

Complaint against Christopher Buffum

Christopher Buffum a member of this meeting has for a considerable time neglected the attendance of our religious meetings has gone out in dress and address and married out of the order of Friends to a Woman not a member of our society he was seasonably treated with as respects his going out in marriage without the desired effect, which is submitted

North Berwick 11 Mo 15th 1832

Joshua Meader)
Wm Hill) Overseers

The report of our Boarding School Committee was received and read at this time as followeth

To the yearly Meeting.

The Boarding school Committee Report, that they have during the past year, superintended the Institution, and have cause to believe that it has been conducted in good degree as contemplated by Friends in its establishment. Meetings have been regularly kept up as heretofore. The average number of schollars has been one hundred and sixty-three.

The school has been continued under the care of Enoch and Lydia Breed as Superintendents, with the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould. Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earl, junr and Jonathan Slocum have been employed as Teachers in the Boys' school, and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary Griscom and Caroline

Cartland, in the Girls. Moses B. Lockwood and Isabella Hunter have also been engaged as assistants, during a part of the year.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund and of the Superintendent have been received and audited. The state of the Fund is such, that the Committee think it safest to propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one schollar, six months, free of expense, and that price for scholars generally be continued the same as last year.

The Comm believe it best to propose for the consideration of the yearly Meeting, the recommending to Friends to endeavor to send their children to the School, as nearly as may be at the following periods, viz. at the time of our yearly Meeting, or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months. And they would further propose, that children should not be sent for a leſs time than six months; unleſs under peculiar circumstances the consent of the sub-committee be obtained for a leſs term.

Since our last Report, the department of the School for instruction in the Languages and some of the higher branches of science has been commenced under the care of Samuel J. Gummere whose services have been performed acceptably to this Committee. The terms for the admission of Scholars, who are members of our yearly Meeting, in to this department, are One Hundred Dollars per annum, exclusive of Books and Stationary, and no Scholar is admited for a leſs term than one year, nor untill permission shall have been granted for such admission by the Sub-committee.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, the Committee have cause to acknowledge with thankfulness that the Family and Schollars have been preserved in health.

Signed by appointment and on behalf of the School Committee held at Providence, 5th month 4th, 1832. by Moses Brown
Elizabeth King

The following communication from our last yearly Meeting was received and read at this time viz.

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, from the 10th to the 15th inclusive of the 6th Mo 1832.

To our Several Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings.

Dear Friends

The reading of the answers to the Queries, received from our several Quarterly Meeting, has introduced our minds into a deep felt exercise in beholding the many and various departures from our profession, therein brought to view. And in particular we have lamented the sorrowful want of faithfulness in the attendance of our religious Meetings. — When we consider the duty of assembling ourselves together for public worship to Almighty God, in the want of a public acknowledgement of our belief in him, and in the gracious revelation of his will through his dear Son; [illegible] what vital importance does the performance of this duty assume. In a feeling of gospel love, and of our responsibility to Him who hath called us to be a people, and in some measure, as we humbly trust, qualified us through his mercy to labor for his cause, let us revive for the serious and solemn consideration of our brethren in religious profession that awakening language of our blessed Lord when in that prepared body: "Also I say unto you, whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men, shall be denied before the angels of God." We are confirmed in the belief, that as the love of the things of time and the fleeting enjoyments of this world, shall be lessened among us, as the love of God shall take its place in our hearts, we shall be more concerned faithfully to perform this important duty, and in regularly assembling with our brethren for public worship, and reverently waiting before Him we shall graciously experience our strength in Him to be renewed, whereby we shall be enabled to withstand the assaults of temptation and our souls be refreshed with his life giving presence. Let us, then, we tenderly exhort, be more and more alive to the great importance of this solemn and interesting duty.

And as the love of God increases and abounds among us, love unto one another will also prevail. Bound together by the sacred ties of Gospel fellowship, our brethren will become exceedingly near to our best feelings, and that heavenly charity which suffereth long and is kind, will become more and more our covering. And O, that Friends every where were duly impreſsed with the necessity of preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and avoiding doubtful disputations, and seeking not to be wise above that which is written, humbly to believe in the all-important truths of the ever bleſsed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that God so loved the world he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have everlasting life; that he came into the world, as testified in the Holy scriptures; that he went about doing good and manifesting his divine power for the good of men; that he died for our sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us unto God; that He rose again for our justification, and ever liveth to make intercession for us; that he is God over all, bleſsed forever. These all important truths, as we humbly seek to be established therein, will indeed cement us together, and enable us through faith, to bear unitedly our testimony to the mercy and goodneſs of our heavenly Father. Thus will true unity and religious fellowship be experienced. And being thus established, how exceedingly precious will those testimonies which we are called upon to bear become in our view. For, being measurably redeemed from the love of the world, we shall be concerned to seek the adorning of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price, rather than the vain ornaments of the world, and be preserved in the simplicity which becometh the gospel of Christ.

The giving way to the temptation so abundantly offered by the preſs in the present day to what may be appropriately termed light reading, we have been induced to believe, has had its influence in producing, in many instances, a deviation from the simplicity of our profeſsion, not only in faith, but practice indisposing the mind for serious reflection, giving it a disrelish for the perusal of more solid and useful works, and especially but gradually undermining that firm reliance upon superior aid which can alone sustain the mind, in the hour of trial and temptation and rightly bear it up amid the many vicissitudes of time.

The practice of a daily reading of the holy scriptures, with our hearts turned unto Him, who can alone rightly open them to our understanding, and apply them effectually to the heart, has been feelingly brought before us. And as we reverently believe that these invaluable writings according to their own testimony, are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ, how exceedingly important that we neglect not this precious means which in the mercy of God has been vouchsafed to us for our reproof, correction and instruction in righteouſneſs. And we are confirmed in the belief that as parents and heads of families are concerned daily to call around them the objects of their care, and with prayerful hearts for the divine bleſsing upon their endeavours, to read to them a portion of the sacred volume allowing a space for silent introversion of soul to God, a great bleſsing will be experienced. The truths revealed in the scriptures will become increasingly interesting and precious in our view, and in that of our children and dependents, and the ever bleſsed cause of truth and righteouſneſs be furthered and promoted. We therefore recommend and tenderly exhort Friends to this practice and greatly desire their encouragement therein.

And we fervently desire, that all in profession with us, may be renewedly stirred up to more faithfulneſs and watchfulneſs, in the cause of Christ, remembering that the time is short, and that we are enjoined to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh wherein no man can work—

Appointed Isaac Buffum and William Hussey to take the necessary care in providing fire in our meeting houses for one year. Having closed the busineſs at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Benajah Buffum Clerk.

1832.

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 28th of 12 Mo

The Representatives from the preparative meeting are Andrew Austin and Nicholas Estes who are present.

Addition of Committee on our meetinghouse

The Committee respecting the repairs of our meetinghouse are continued with the addition of Joshua Roades and Josiah Brackett.

Those appointed to visit Josiah Prescott's Family presented the following report which is accepted and his Son Stephen Alfred is accordingly received into membership with us the Women's meeting uniting therewith.

To the Mo. Meeting.

Pursuant to appointment we have been to Josiah Prescotts house have had an opportunity with him together with his son Stephen Alfred on account of his request on his sons behalf and it appears to us that it might be well to receive the said Stephen Alfred into membership with us the same is submitted.

Berwick 12 Mo 28th 1832 Joshua Jenkins
John Buffum

The Committee appointed to visit Christopher Buffum are continued.

George R. Buffum presented his bill of five Dollars for building fire in Mtg. houses the winter of 1832 which is accepted and the money subscribed.

Subscribed twelve Dollars and fifty Cents being the balance due for repairs on Elliot Meeting house

Having closed the business at this time we propose to meet again at the usual time in next month —

Benajah Buffum Clerk.

1st Mo. 1833.

At Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held 18th of 1st Mo 1833.

The Representatives from the preparative meeting are Joshua Hacker and William Robinson who are present.

We have read the Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th, which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly meeting to be held at Sandwich, and we appoint

Samuel Buffum Benjah Buffum and William Hill Representatives thereto.

The Committee respecting our meeting houses inform that they have obtained subscriptions amounting to about 3/4 of the estimated expense of building a new meeting house. ~~and~~ If they can obtain subscriptions sufficient to warrant them in building they are authorized to let the job to some responsible person as they shall think prudent. This meeting also authorises said Committee to dispose of the old houses.

The Committee in the case of Christopher Buffum are again continued,

The following complaint against James Buffum is received from the Overseers through the preparative meeting, and we appoint James Hussey and Isaac Varney to visit him thereon and report at next meeting.

Meeting closes the business at this time and purposes to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Benjah Buffum Clerk

To the preparative Meeting

James Buffum — Complaint

James Buffum has for a considerable time so far departed from our principles as to frequent places of public resort, and when there made such use of spirituous liquors as to become reproachful, some of his connections early expostulated with him for his conduct and of late the Overseers have endeavoured to convince him of the inconsistency of such a practice but there appearing no probability of amendment we thought the case required the further care of friends, which is submitted.

Joshua [illegible])
Dover 1st Mo 10th 1833. Joseph [illegible]) Overseers
William Hill)

2nd Mo 1833.

At Dover Monthly meeting held 14th of 2nd Mo 1833.

The Representatives from the preparative meeting are called [illegible] Estes who are present

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting inform that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Christopher Buffum are again continued

The Committee in the case of James Buffum are continued

Received the following communication from the Overseers through the preparative meeting, whereupon we appoint Joseph Hacker William Hill and Isaac Varney to visit the parties concerned and endeavour to affect a settlement and report at next meeting.

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om Overseers

To the Preparative meeting

There has been for a number of years a dispute subsisting between Caleb Buffum and Thaddeus Morrell respecting property. Endeavours have been used at different times by the Overseers to bring the matter to an amicable settlement but things have so turned that they have been unsuccessful both in the way of arbitration and otherwise but has rather had a tendency to produce unpleasant feelings towards one if not more of those concerned as we have considered it has been for a long time a suffering case we thought it might be right to lay it before the meeting

Joseph Brackett }
North Berwick 2 mo 19th 1835 Joshua Hacker } Overseers

Nathan Jenkins requests a Certificate to Salem monthly meeting signifying his clearness to proceed in marriage with Alice B. Johnson, and we appoint Joseph Brackett and Benajah Buffum to inquire into his clearness and if no objection appears to prepare one and have at next meeting.

Received the following Certificate infavour of Richard Eastman and his two Children which is accepted.

R. Eastman
Certificate

To Berwick Monthly meeting

Richard Eastman having removed within the limits of your Meeting has requested our Certificate for himself and two Children -

Richard Eastman's Certificate

This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting and that his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears - His children Royal and Ann Eastman are also members - We recommend them to your care -

Signed by direction and on behalf of Falmouth Monthly Meeting held 26th of 7th Mo. 1832

John Winslow Clerk
Anne Purinton Clk for the day

Having closed the business at this time we adjourn to the usual time in this month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

3 Mo 1833.

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 29th of 3 Mo. 1833.
The representatives from the preparative Meeting are William Robinson and Ebenezer Hussey who are present

The committee in the case of Christopher Buffum presented the following report which is accepted and this meeting after deliberating thereon is united in disowning him. He is accordingly with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting disowned from membership with us and James Hussey is appointed to inform him thereof.

The committee in the case of James Buffum inform they have taken care in the case but are not ready to report in full at this time. The case is continued under their care till next meeting -

To the Monthly Meeting.

We have paid some attention to our appointment in the case of Christopher Buffum and think there is no prospect of his making satisfaction for his outgoings at present we have so far failed in our endeavours for a personal interview but of late we have had word from him that it would be of no use for us to see him, which is submitted.

North Berwick 3 Mo. 29th 1833.
Joseph Bracket
Isaac Varney } Committee

The Committee in the case of Caleb Buffum and Thaddeus Morrell not being ready to report are continue

The Committee in the case of Nathan Jenkins's reque presented the following certificate which is directed to be signed by the Clerk.

To Salem Monthly Meeting –

Nathan Jenkins having requested our certifica of his clearness to proceed in marriage with Alice B. Johnson a member of your meeting, this may certify that he is a member of this Meeting and clear of marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting held 29th of 3 Mo. 1833.

Benajah Buffum Clerk

Having closed the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next mont

Benajah Buffum Clerk

4 Mo 1833

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 19th of 4 Mo. 1833

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joshua Meader and William Hill who are present.

Read the Queries with answers which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover by Joshua Meader Joseph Bracket and James Hussey whom we appoint Representatives there to.

Received the following certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting in favor of John, Elizabeth and Phebe H. Meader, which is accepted.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

John Meaders Certificate

John Meader and his wife Elizabeth having remov to reside within the limits of your Meeting and requested our certificate for themselves and Phebe H. Meader a minor. this may certify on their behalf that they are members of this Meeting that John and Elizabeth are Ministers in unity with us of exem plary lives frequent attenders of Meetings and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears: as such we recommend them to your christian care and oversight

By direction and in behalf of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 mo. 17th 1833

Joseph Tuttle Clerk
Mary T. Brown Clerk for the day

The Friend that was appointed to inform Christopher Buffum of the decision of last Meeting in his case reports that he has been informed —

James Buffum Disowned

The Committee in the case of James Buffum presented the following report which is accepted and this Meeting after deliberating thereon is united in disowning him, he is accordingly, with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting disowned from membership with us and Elijah Neal is appointed to inform him thereof and report at next Meeting.

The Committee in the case of difficulty between Caleb Buffum and Thaddeus Howell presented the following report which is accepted, and this Meeting, after weightily considering the subject is united in requesting the assistance of the Quarterly Meeting in the case, the Clerk is directed to communicate to the Quarterly Meeting the request of this Meeting for its assistance in a difficult case, and the afore said Committee are continued to represent the case to the Quarterly Meetings Committee if it should appoint one and report at next meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting

Pursuant to appointment we have attended to the case of difficulty between Caleb Buffum and Thaddeus Howell and find that Caleb Buffum is willing to submit the case to refference unconditionally but Thaddeus is unwilling to submit it on such conditions as we should think

proper to recommend, which is submitted
North Berwick 4 Mo. 19th 1833.

Joseph Meader }
Isaac Varney } Committee
William Hill }

To the Monthly Meeting

Pursuant to appointment we have visited James Buffum and notwithstanding he expresses a wish to retain his right to membership we donot find sufficient encouragement of his doing better to warra us in recommending to the meeting the receiving of an acknowledgement from him. James Hussey

North Berwick 4 Mo. 19th 1833. Isaac Varney

Isaiah Fry and Phebe Hussey appeared in
this Meeting and declared their intention of taking
each other in marriage and we appoint Joseph
Isaiah Fry Bracket and Amasa Varney to enquire into the
Published clearness of sd Isaiah in that respect and report
at next meeting.

The Clerk is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer.

Having no further business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

5th Mo 1833

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 24th of 5 Mo. 1833.

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Isaac Varney and William Hill who are present.

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

The Committee to represent the case of difficulty between Caleb Buffum and Thaddeus Worrel to the Quarterly Meetings Committee are continued.

The Friend that was appointed to inform James Buffum of the decision of last Meeting in his case reports that he has been informed.

Those appointed to inquire into the clearness of Isaiah Fry report that they donot find any thing to obstruct his proceeding in marriage as proposed. He is accordingly left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends and Joshua Meader and Joseph Brackett are appointed to attend said Marriage and see if it is conducted orderly and report at next Meeting.

Complaint
Isaiah
Hill

Received the following Complaint from the Overseers through the preparative Meeting against Isaiah Hill, by which it appears that he is now resideing within the limits of Salem Monthly Meeting, this Meeting concludes to request the assistance of that Meeting in the case. The Clerk is directed to forward to Salem Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute together with the Complaint. ~~and request them to take the necessary care in the case on behalf of this Meeting.~~

To the preparative Meeting

Isaiah Hill a member of our Meeting (now resideing at Lyme within the limits of Salem monthly Meeting) having departed from plainness in dress and address and also married out of the order of Friends to a woman not of our society, he being treated with gave no satisfaction which we refer to the monthly Meeting.

North Berwick 5 Mo. 16th 1833

James Hussey }
Joshua Meader } Overseers

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ublished

Hanson Weader and Susan L. Shaw appeared in this Meeting and declared their intention of taking eachother in marriage.

The Friend that was appointed to inform Ivory Cole of his denial reports that he has been informed.

Received the following minute from Weare Mo. Meeting in favor of George Nichols.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
George Nichols informs this Meeting that he expects to reside several months at Berwick the present year, by his request we inform that he is a member of this Meeting.

By direction of Weare Mo. Meeting of Friends
held 4 Mo. 11th 1833 John Sawyer, Clerk

Having closed the busineſs at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month. Benajah Buffum Clk

6th Mo. 1833.

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 28th of 6 Mo. 1833

The Representative from the preparative Meeting are Cyrus Buffum and Isaac Varney who are present

The Committee respecting the case of difficulty between Caleb Buffum and Thaddeus Morrell report that the service is performed.

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Published

Moses Huntington jr. and Cynthia W. Jepson appeared in this Meeting and declared their intention of taking eachother in marriage he producing the following certificate of his clearneſs in that respect—

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
Moses Huntington jr. requests a certificate to your Meeting to accomplish marriag with Cynthia W. Jepson, he is a member of this Meeting and clear of marriage engagements and has concent of parents.

By direction and on behalf of Seabrook Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Pittsfield 6th of 6th Mo. 1833 Thomas Folsom Clk those appointed to attend the marriage of Isaiah Fry report they attended and that it was conducted orderly.

Hanson Meader presented the following certificate and consent of Parents certifying his clearness to proce[ed] in marriage with Susan L. Shaw. He is therefore left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends and we appoint John Meader and Daniel Page to attend the same and see if it is conducted orderly and report at next meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at North Berwick Hanson Meader requests a few lines signifying his clearness to proceed in marriage with Susan L. Shaw a member of your meeting this may certify that he is a member of our meeting and on enquiry we find nothing to hinder his proceeding as proposed

By direction and on behalf of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 26th 1833.

Joseph Tuttle Clerk

To Berwick Monthly Meeting.

This may certify that our son Hanson Meader has our consent to proceed in marriage with Susan L. Shaw.

Stephen Meader

Rochester 26th of 6th Mo 1833 Sarah Meader

The following Certificate and endorsement in favor of Joseph D. Hoag and family is received and accepted.

To Nine Partners Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends

Joseph D. Hoag & Dorcas T. his Wife & their minor son Joseph Jonathan having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting this is to certify on their behalf that they are members in unity with Friends & Joseph D. a minister also in unity with us & they have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we recommend them to your christian care and oversight.

Signed by direction & on behalf of Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Monkton 2nd of 11th Mo. 1831. by

Stephen F. Stevens }
Mara Rogers } Clerks
John Knowls, Correspondent

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends -
Dear Friends

Joseph D. Hoag within named requested our certificate for himself and Family addressed to your Meeting, but as he resided only a few months with us after presenting his certificate it was concluded to endorse that to your Meeting. The Clerk is directed to transcribe the substance of this minute on his certificate and sign it on behalf of this Meeting

John Thorne Clerk
Deborah Swift Clerk

Isaac Thorn, Correspondent

Extracted from the minutes of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting held the 16th of 5th Mo. 1833.

Stephen Neal requests a removal certificate to Falmouth Monthly Meeting, for himself and wife, and we appoint Joshua Weaver and Stephen Jenkins, with such Friends as may be added by the Women's Meeting, to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appear to prepare one and have at next Meeting.

Subscribed the balance due for the addition made to our Meeting house lot in 7th Mo. 1831.

Having no further business at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Benajah Buffum Clerk

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 26th of 7th Mo. 1833.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Joseph D. Hoag and Nicholas Estes who are present.

There appearing no objection to Moses Huntington Jr's proceeding in marriage as proposed he is left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends, and we appoint Benajah Buffum and Joshua Jenkins to attend the same and see if it is conducted orderly and report at next meeting.

Those appointed to attend the marriage of Hanson Meader report, they attended and that it was conducted orderly.

The Committee appointed to prepare a certificate for Stephen Neal and Wife are continued.

Committee
to visit
Meetings
& families

This Meeting believing that a benefit may arise from the appointment of a Committee to visit the several Meetings constituting this Monthly Meeting from time to time as way may open, also to visit private families as opportunities may offer, especially those in remote situations, we appoint John Meader, John D. Lang, Joseph D. Hoag, Joseph Bracket Samuel Buffum and Joshua Meader, with such Friends as may be appointed by the Womens Meeting, to that service for one year.

Having closed the business at this time, we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Benajah Buffum Clerk

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 16th of 8th Mo. 1833.

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are John Buffum and Richard Eastman who are present.

We have read the Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly meeting to be held at North Berwick the 22nd instant, and we appoint William Jepson Joshua Meader and Pelatiah Hussey Representativ thereto.

Those appointed to attend the marriage of Moses Huntington Jr. inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly.

The Committee appointed to prepare a certificate for Stephen Neal and Wife inform they have taken care in the case but not ready to report, they are therefore continued to next meeting.

Cyrus Buffum is appointed to take the necessary care in providing for the horses &c. at our next Quarterly meeting.

Having no further business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Benajah Buffum Clerk

1833

Berwick Monthly Meeting held at So Berwick 9 mo 27th

James Hussey and William Hill ware appointed by the preparative meeting as Representatives who are present.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being expired Joshua Meader is appointed for the day.

Read a removal certificate in favor of Alice B. Jenkins

The Committee in the case of Stephen Neals certificate not yet being ready to report they are continued.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform they attended.

The following communication from the Quarterly Meeting was read and is satisfactory to this Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit Berwick Monthly Meeting made the following report.

To the ensuing Quarterly meeting at North Berwick, Your committee appointed at our last quarterly meeting on the subject of a request from Berwick monthly meeting for advice and assistance in a matter of difficulty, report, that we have attended thereto, and given such assistance as to us appeared necessary, which has been accepted, and the difficulty removed.

On behalf of the Committee

Joseph Varney
Reuben Varney

Which report being satisfactory to this meeting is accepted and the Clerk is directed to furnish Berwick monthly meeting with an extract of the above minute together with the report of the Committee

Extracted from the minutes of Dover quarterly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8 mo 22nd 1833. Ezra Meader assistant Clerk.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude.

At Berwick Monthly Meeting held 18th of 10 Mo 183
The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin and John Buffum who are present.

Clerks Appointed

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired Benajah Buffum is appointed Clerk and Edward Jenkins assistant Clerk for one year.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Neals Certificate inform there still remains some unsetled accounts which need his attention they are therefore continued.

We have read the Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover the 24th instant and we appoint Joseph D. Hoag James Hussey and John D. Lang Representatives thereto.

Overseers Appointed

Joshua Meader, William Hill, Joseph Bracket and James Hussey having been nominated through the preparative Meeting for Overseers, we appoint them to that servic for one year.

Overseers of the poor Appointed

We appoint Benajah Buffum William Hill and Isaac Varney Overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.

John Meader Certificate Granted

Our esteemed Friend John Meader opened in this meeting a prospect which had for some time arrested his mind to pay a religious visit to Friends and others within the limits of Rhodeisland Sandwich Smithfield and some parts of Salem Quarterly meetings, which after a time of weighty deliberation was united with and he left at liberty to persue his prospect as truth may open the way. he being a member and minister in unity with us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude.

Benajah Buffum Clerk

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11 Mo. 1833.

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 29th of 11th Month 1833.

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Isaac Varney and Joseph D. Hoag who are present.

A. Pope Published

Alton Pope and Theodate Stacpole appeared in this Meeting and declared their intention of taking eachother in marriage.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Neal's certificate are again continued.

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

The following complaint is received from the Overseers through preparative Meeting against George Wiggin and we appoint Joseph Bracket John Buffum and Isaac Varney to visit and confer with him thereon and report at next Meeting.

To the preparative Meeting

George Wiggin Complaint

George Wiggin has married out of the order of Friends to a woman not a member of our society he has also in a great measure departed from that plainness of apparrel which we believe truth requires and much neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings.

N. Berwick 11 Mo. 21st 1833

Joshua Meader
William Hill } Overseers

Also the following Complaint is received against Elijah Varney Viz.

To the preparative Meeting

Complaint against Elijah Varney

Elijah Varney having married out of the order of Friends to a woman not a member of our Society. we have taken an opportunity with him on the subject and he appears disposed to do what he can constently to make Friends satisfaction

N. Berwick 11 Mo. 21st 1833   Joshua Meader } Overseer
William Hill }

and we appoint Joshua Jenkins, Joseph D. Hoag and Stephen Nichols to visit and confer with him thereon and report to next Meeting.

J. Meaders Certificate returned

Our esteemed Friend John Meader returned the Certificate granted him last Month with the following returning minutes.

Our esteemed friend John Meader attende this Meeting with a copy of a Minute from Berwick Monthly Meeting held 18th of 10th Mo. last expressi of his being a minister in unity. his company an Gospel services have been acceptable to us.

By direction and on behalf of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somersett 11 Mo. 7th 1833

William Jenkins Clerk

Our esteemed friend John Meader attendi this Meeting with a copy of a Minute from Berwick Monthly Meeting. His company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us.

Extracted from the minutes of Smithfie Quarterly Meeting held at Northbridge 11 Mo. 14th 1833

By John Osborne Cl

The following report of our Boarding School Committee has been received and read. Viz.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode-Island, sixth Mo. 1833.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before the Meeting, and after a free discussion of its contents, the propositions therein submitted for consideration, were agreed to, and the Report accepted; and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting
Abraham Shearman Jr. Clerk

Report of Boarding School Committee

To the Yearly Meeting
To be held on Rhode-Island in the sixth Month next.

The Boarding School Committee Report that they have during the past year given attention to the various concerns of the Institution, and that they have been conducted in a good degree to their satisfaction. Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony has been preserved.

The average number of Schollars during the year, has been one hundred and seventy-two — The School is continued under the immediate care of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as Superintendents, in which capacity they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould. — Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earle Jr. and Jonathan Slocum, are employed as teachers in the Boys school; and Deborah Ramsdell, — Mary H. Griscom, Caroline Cartland and Martha Barker in the Girls — The latter of whom for six months rendered gratuitous service to the Institution — Samuel J. Gummere continues to have charge of the department for Languages &c.

It having long been believed by the Committee, that the School might be improved, an its advantages to the Children greatly enhance by having some person employed to superintend its literary concerns, who, by his experience in th business of teaching, and by his acquirements, would be qualified to render advice to th Teachers, to examine the scholars in their severa studies, and to extend an immediate supervisory care over every department of the school - With this belief, in the 12th Month last, our friend John Griscom, from New York, was introduce into the Institution, and the services he has rendered in the manner above specified and lecturing on different sujects, have been satisfa tory to us, and we believe have tended in var ious ways to the essential improvement of the Schollars.

By setting the acounts, it appears that at the present prices for board and tuition, the incom willnot meet the expenditures of the School - The Committee after maturely weighing the subject, have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting; that after the first of eighth month next members of Society, of this yearly Meeting be received for fifteen dollars per quarter; that those who are not members of Society, but who have one or both parents members, be receive for twenty-two and a half dollars per quarter and should any who are not thus connecte with Friends be received, that the price be thirty dollars per quarter; that to those who are admitted into the school for Languages, &c. and that to members of other yearly Meeting the price be continued as heretofore; And that and that the privilege of sending one child six months free of expence, be extended to each Monthly Meeting as last year. Although by this arrangement the expence to parents who place their children in this Institution will be a little augmented, still the Committee have confidence in believing that there will be ample remuneration in the increased advantages the school now presents for the improvement of the Schollars.

In the seventh month of last year, in consequence of the appearance of the Cholera in our country and the effect produced upon the minds of the children by the approach of this fearful malady, it was deemed most prudent, under the advisement of the Meeting for Sufferings, to vacate the School for a season. It was not considered best to reassemble the schollars until the tenth month, when the School was again opened, and those who had left generally returned.

Although during the past year the visitations of sickneſs and death have been many in our country, and we have not wholly escaped yet we feel bound thankfully to commemorate the preservation that has been extended to us by Him, from whom are all our sure mercies.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee, by

William Jenkins Clerk

Yearly Meeting Boarding School.
Providence 5th Mo. 3rd 1833.

The following minutes from our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read Viz.

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England
Sixth Month, 1833.

A concern for the more guarded and religious education of the children of Friends, and for the establishment of Libraries of Friends Books in the severa Monthly Meetings, having been revived in this Meeting, and claimed its consideration, a lively intrest was felt in regard to these subjects.

Yearly Meeting Minutes

The attention of Friends was earnestly desired to the concern of establishing in the several Monthly Meetings, one or more Libraries of the Standar works of our society, that Friend may at all times have acceſs thereto, to the end that the consistency truth and harmony of our Christian principles being known, the minds of Friends may become more and more established in them and the unity of faith and doctrine which it someti becoms us to inculcate, may more and more aboun

The provisions of our Discipline with respec to education, and Schools for the children of Friends, were recommended to be revived in our subordinate Meetings, and put in practice, wherever Friends circumstances will allow.

And the Clerk was directed to forward copies of this minute to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

It was recommended, that all Certificates of Removal, issued by our Monthly Meetings, be signed by the Clerks of both the Men's and Womens Meetings. And that this conclusion be entered in our books of Disciplin

Which the Clerk was directed to forward as above.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Abraham Shearman Jr. Clerk

The subject of establishing a Monthly Meeting Library of the standard works of our Society being again revived by reading the Minute of our last Yearly Meeting, it is refered to the Committee here tofore under appointment, untill next month—

We appoint Benajah Buffum to incert in all the books of Discipline belonging to this Monthly Meeting, the conclusion of our last Yearly Meeting with regard to signing Certificates of Removal—

George R. Buffum presented his bill of $6.00 for finding wood and building fire in our Meeting houses to this time, which is accepted and the money subscribed—

We appoint Benajah Buffum and Isaac Varney to take the necessary care of our Meeting houses and Lot, also in providing fire in our Meeting-houses for one year—

Having no further busineſs at this time we conclude.

Benajah Buffum Clerk

12th Mo. 1833

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 27th of 12 Mo. 1833.

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Elijah Leal and John Buffum who are present.

Isaiah Varney Published

Isaiah Varney and Lydia Cole appeared in this Meeting and declared their intention of taking eachother in marriag and we appoint Benajah Buffum and William Jepson to enquire into the clearneſs of said Isaiah in that respect and report at next meeting.

Alton Pope presented the following certificate of his clearness to proceed in marriage with Theodate Stacpole, He is accordingly left at liberty to accomplish said marriage in the order of Friends and we appoint Joseph D. Hoag and Joshua Meader to attend the same and see that it is conducted orderly and report at next meeting.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Alton Pope informed this Meeting that he was about to proceed in marriage with Theodate Stacpole a member of your Meeting. This may certify that he is a member of this meeting and clear of marriage engagements amongst us.

By direction of Leeds Monthly Meeting held at Winthrop 20th of 12th Mo. 1833

Ezekiel Bailey Clerk

The Committee in the case of Stephen Beals Certificate inform that the difficulties are not wholly removed they are therefore continued with the addition of Benajah Buffum -

The committee in the case of George Wiggin not being ready to report are continued.

The committee in the case of Elijah Varney are also continued.

The following complaint is recieved against Abner Hill by which it appears he is now residing within the limits of Salem Monthly Meeting. This Meeting concludes to request the assistance of that Meeting in the case, The Clerk is directed to forward to Salem Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute together with the complaint

Complaint Abner Hill

To Berwick Monthly Meeting

It appears that Abner Hill a member of this meeting (who has for a considerable time been residing within the limits of Salem Monthly Meeting) has much neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings, and also married out of the order of Friends to a woman not a member of our religious society

which is submitted

North Berwick 12 Mo. 26th. 1833.

Joshua Meader }
William Hill } Overseers

Committee for Library

The Committee on the subject of establishing a Monthly Meeting Library presented the following report which is accepted and we appoint Joseph D. Hoag, John D. Lang, Benajah Buffum, Joshua Meader, Pelatiah Hussey and Isaac Varney to propose rules and regulations for said Library at a future Meeting, also to obtain subscriptions for the aforesaid purpose,

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee on the subject of establishing a Monthly Meeting Library report that they have attended to the subject and believe sufficient subscriptions may be obtained to warrant further attention, and we would recommend to the meeting the appointment of a committee to draw up a code of rules for regulating a Library, also to obtain subscriptions

North Berwick 12 Mo 26th 1833.

John D. Lang
Benajah Buffum
Pelatiah Hussey
Edward Jenkins

Having closed the business at this time we conclude
Benajah Buffum Cle

1 Mo. 1834

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 17th of 1st Mo. 1834

The Representatives by appointment are Cyrus Buffum and Joshua Meader who are present.

The Queries are read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at Sandwich by John C. Lang James Hussey and Benajah Buffum whom we appoint Representatives thereto.

Those appointed to inquire into the clearness of Isaiah Varney inform they do not find any thing to hinder his proceeding in marriage as proposed he is accordingly left at liberty to accomplish said Marriage in the order of Friends and we appoint Andrew Austin and John Buffum to attend the same and see if it is conducted orderly and report at next Meeting.

Those appointed to attend the marriage of Alton Pope inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The Committee in the case of Stephen Neal's Certificate presented the following which is directed to be signed by the Clerk.

To Falmouth Monthly Meeting.

Stephen Neal and his wife Ruth having removed within the limits of your Meeting and request our Certificate, this may certify that they are members of this Meeting and their outward affairs nearly settled amongst us. as such we recommend them to your care and oversight.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends held at North Berwick 1st Mo. 17th 1834

Benajah Buffum } Clerks
Ann C. Lang }

1 Mo. 1834

The Committee in the case of George Wiggin inform they have paid some attention to their appointment but are not ready to report they are therefore continued.

The Committee in the case of Elijah Varney inform they have taken care in the case but are not ready to report, they are also continued.

The following Complaint is received against Timothy Hill and we appoint Pelatiah Hussey Edward Jenkins and Andrew Austin to visit and confer with him thereon and report at next Meeting

To the preparative Meeting

Complaint Timothy Hill

Timothy Hill a member of our society now residing within the limits of Dover Monthly Meeting, having departed from plainness in dress and address and also married out of the order of Friends to a woman not a member of our society which is submited.

North Berwick 1 Mo 9th 1834 James Hussey
Joseph Brackett Overseers

The following Complaint is received against Solomon Allen and we appoint Amasa Varney and Ephraim Morrill to visit and confer with him thereon and report at next Meeting.

To the preparative Meeting.

Complaint Solomon Allen

Solomon Allen a member of our Society having departed from plainness in dress and address and neglected to attend our religious Meetings, also married out of the order of our society to a woman not a member thereof which is submited.

North Berwick 1 Mo. 9th 1834 James Hussey
Joseph Bracket Overseers

School Committee appointed

The subject of opening a Monthly Meeting School (agreeable to the recommendation of our last yearly Meeting) having claimed the attention of this Meeting. we appoint Benajah Buffum, Isaac Varney, William Hill, John D. Lang, Pelatiah Hussey and Elijah Neal, a Committe to take the subject into consideration and report their prospects at a future Meeting.

John D. Lang's Certificate Granted

Our esteemed Friend John D. Lang opened in this Meeting a prospect which had for a considerabl time attended his mind of paying a religious visit to Friends and some others within the limits of Falmout and Vassalborough Quarterly Meetings, which after a time of consideration was united with, and he left at liberty to persue his prospect as truth may direct, he being a member of this Meeting an a minister in unity with us, the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute an sign the same on behalf of this Meeting

We appoint Joshua Meader, William Hil Benajah Buffum and Isaac Varney, a Committe to see that Friends traveling in the ministry are furnished with suitable company.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time in next month. Benajah Buffum Clerk

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 28th of 2 Mo 1834

The Representatives by appointment are Joshua Meader and Amasa Varney who are present

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

Those appointed to attend the marriage of Isaiah Varney report they attended and that it was conducted orderly.

George Wiggin Disowned

The Committee in the case of George Wiggin presented the following report Viz. and this Meeting after deliberating thereon is united in disowning him. He is accordingly with the concurrence of the womens Meeting disowned from membership with us. and we appoint Joseph Bracket to inform him thereof and report at next Meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting

Persuant to appointment we have visited George Wiggin on the subject of complaint against him, He acknowledges the complaint to be just but does not see his way clear to make Friends satisfaction at present

John Buxton
Joseph Bracket
North Berwick 25th of 2 Mo. 1834. Isaac Varney
Committee

The Committee in the case of Elijah Varney not being ready to report are continued.

The Committee in the case of Timothy Hill not being ready to report are continued-

Solomon Allen Disowned

The Committee in the case of Solomon Allen presented the following report Viz. which is accepted and this Meeting after deliberating thereon is united in disowning him. He is accordingly with the concurrence of the womens Meeting disowned from membership with us, and Nicholas Estes is appointed to inform him and report at nex mtg

To the Monthly Meeting next to be held at North Berwick.

We have had an opportunity with Solomon Allen on the subject complaine of but did not find him in a suitable mind to give Friends satisfaction which we submit to the Meeting

Amasa Varney }
Ephraim Morrell } Committee

The following certificate in favor of George Nichols and Family was received and accepted.

Geo. Nichols Certificate Rec'd

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

George Nichols has removed to Berwick within the limits of your meeting and requests of us a certificate for himself and family viz. his wife Anna and son Joshua H. Nichols setting forth their right to membership with us. This may certify that they are members of this meeting and their conduct and deportment have manifested their attachment to the principles of Friends and he has settled his pecuniary affairs to our satisfaction as far as appears,

Signed in behalf and by direction of Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 Mo. 13th. 1834.

Joseph Hoag }
Mary Paige } Clerks

Isaiah Hill Restored

The following extract of a minute is received from Salem Monthly Meeting viz, together with the acknowledgement of Isaiah Hill which is accepted and he restored to the privileges of society; and the Clerk is directed to forwar to Salem Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute, "At Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 13th of 2 Mo. 1834.

The Committee in the case of Isaiah Hill presented the following report viz. together with the acknowledgement from him; both of which the Clerk was directed to forward to Berwick Monthly Meeting with an extract of this minute

Extracted from the Minutes
Samuel Boyce Clerk

Agreeable to our appointment we have treated with Isaiah Hill on account of the complaint against him, and have advised with him as way opened, and after having his views on the subject it appeared to us that he had a sincere attachment to Friends and the order of our society, and seems desirous to conduct conformable thereto, he has put a communication into our hands which we herewith forward to the Monthly Meeting to be held at Lynn the 13th inst

Theophilus Breed
G. W. Oliver
James Purinton
Committee

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Lynn 13th of 2 Mo. 1834.

Whereas I have some time past so far deviated from the good order of the society of Friends as to forfeit my right of membership therein and now feeling desirous to be continued a member request Friends to pass by my deviations as set forth in the complaint and restore me again to the privileges of Society

Isaiah Hill

Abner Hill Disowned

The following extract of a minute in the case of Abner Hill is received from Salem Monthly Meeting; together with the report of the Committee which is accepted, and this Meeting after deliberating thereon is united in disowning him; he is accordingly with the concurrence of the womens Meeting disowned from membership with us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Monthly Meeting with an extract of this minute

The Committee in the case of Abner Hill presented the following report viz; & the Clerk was directed to forward the same to [illegible] Monthly Meeting with an extract of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 13th of 2 Mo 1834
Samuel Boyce Clerk.

Agreeable to appointment we have visited Abner Hill, he admits the complaint to be true. and having concluded to attend another Meeting, does not wish to remain a member of our society. or to make Friends any satisfaction for his out goings.

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Lynn 2 Mo 13th 1834

Nathl [illegible] }
Nathan Breed } Committee

Our esteemed Friend Sopronia Page attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting held 13th of 2 Mo. 1834. expressive of her being a Minister in unity, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute

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Benajah Buffum and Edward Perkins are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears prepare a removal certificate for Isaiah Hill and have at next Meeting

Having closed the business we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time next month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

3rd Mo. 1834

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 28th of 3 Mo. 1834.

The Representatives by appointment are Joseph D. Hoag and Isaac Varney who are present.

The Friend who was appointed to inform George [illegible] of the decision of this meeting in his case reports that he has been informed

The Committee in the case of Elijah Varney inform that they have visited him to a good degree of satisfaction, and that he has put into their hands the following acknowledgement viz. which is accepted and he restored to the priviliges of Society, and we appoint Daniel Page to inform him thereof and report—

The Committee in the case of Timothy Hill not being ready to report are continued.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held the 28th inst.

Dear Friends I have so far deviated from the rules of disciplin and the good order of society as to marry contrary thereto, but feeling an attachment to society and sensible of the loss I shall sustain by being seperated therefrom, I desire Friends to pass by my transgression and continue me a member and under your christian care

Your friend Elijah Varney

The friend who was appointed to inform Solomon Allen of the decision of this meeting in his case reports that he has been informed —

Those appointed to prepare a certificate for Isaiah Hill presented the following which is signed and directed to be forwarded by the clerk.

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends
Isaiah Hill having removed within the limits of your meeting, this is to certify that he is a member of this meeting and has settled his outward affairs amongst us to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we recommend him to your christian care and oversight
By direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 28th of 3 Mo. 1834
Benjamin Buffum Clerk

The Committee respecting the establishment of a monthly meeting School presented the following report Viz. and there not appearing sufficient encouragement to warrant further attention they are dismissed from further service in the case —

To the Monthly Meeting
The Committee on the subject of a Monthly Meeting School report they have attended to their appointment and believe there would be a sufficient number of scholars to support a woman's school provided a suitable schoolhouse was furnished and it is their judgment a wooden house and lot with fences and out buildings would cost about $275. The Committee believe it would require a general subscription throughout the monthly meeting to obtain the necessary sum, and unless a general interest is manifested by the

Meeting it is the judgment of the Committee that the same cannot be obtained as monthly meeting property. all of which is submited.

North Berwick 3 Mo. 28th 1834

Elijah [illegible]
Isaac Varney
Benajah Buffum
William Hill
John D. Lang
Peletiah Hussey
} Committee

The following certificate of removal in favor of Lewis Taber was red and accepted.

To Berwick monthly meeting state of Maine.

Dear friends, Lewis Taber having gone to reside within the limits of your meeting, this is to certify that he is a member of this meeting and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and is clear of marriage engagements as far as we know, as such we recommend him to your christian care and oversight

Signed in and on behalf of Starksborough Monthly Meeting of Friends State of Vermont held 1 Mo. 3rd 1834.

By Amos Battey } Clerk and Correspondent

The following certificate in favor of Joshua F. Meader and family was red and accepted

To Berwick monthly meeting State of Maine

Dear friends. Joshua F. Meader informed this meeting that he was about to remove within the verge of your meeting with his family viz. Jemima R. his wife their children Phebe Jane and William Carey, this certifies that they are members of our society and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we recommend them to your christian care

Signed in and on behalf of Ferrisburgh

Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Unkton the 29th of 1 Mo. 1834.

By Stephen F. Stevens Clerk
Rebecca Weeks Clerk for the day
John Knowls Correspondent

Having closed the business at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

4 Mo. 1834

At Berwick monthly meeting held 18th of 4 Mo. 1834

The Representatives by appointment are Andrew Austin and John Buffum who are present-

The Queries are red with the following answers which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover, and we appoint Andrew Austin Joseph D. Hoag and Stephen Nichols Representatives thereto.

Answer 1st All our meetings for religious worship and disciplin have been attended and on firstday by the greater part of Friends, midweek meetings not so fully attended, the hour observed by most, generally clear of unbecoming behaviour except some instances of Sleeping,

Ans. 2 We believe most friends are preserved in love and unity but some ~~appear~~ not carful to maintain them, we fear some of our members too much indulge in a detracting spirit, yet we believe most friends guard against it, Careful as to differences -

Ans. 3rd Generally carful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, we believe there are no pernicious books read among, Corrupt conversation generally guarded against and mostly exemplary in these respects themselves, the Holy scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

Ans. 4th Carful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors and frequenting Taverns and places of public resort except in a few instances, generally carful in the other parts of this query

Ans. 5th Carful in these respects—

Ans 6th Carful in these respects as far as we know except a few instances of keeping company out of society in order for marriage-

Ans. 7th Clear as far as appears—

Ans 8th We believe there are some instances of deficiency in these respects among us and some care taken.

Ans 9th There is some deficiency in recording carful as to certificates—

Ans 10th Some care has been taken to deal with offenders, but we are sensible it has not been so extensive as would have been best, no complaint as to placing judgment

The friend who was appointed to inform Elijah Varney of the decision of this meeting in his case reports that he has been informed

The Committee in the case of Timothy Hill not being ready to report are again continued -

Edward Jenkins requests a removal certificate to Salem Monthly meeting for himself and family and we appoint Cyrus Buffum and Joshua Hadley to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears prepare one and have at next meeting—

We have directed our apportionment of yearly meeting stock to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting Treasurer— $16.57½

Having closed the business at this time we adjourn to the usual time in next month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 23rd of 5th Mo. 1834.

The Representatives by appointment are Joshua Meader and Joseph Bracket who are present.

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting inform that they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Timoth Hill inform they have taken care in the case but not being ready to report are again continued

Those appointed to prepare a certificate for Edward Jenkins presented the following which is signed and directed to be forwarded by the Clerk.

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends

Edward Jenkins having removed with his family within the limits of your meeting requests our Certificate for himself. his wife ~~Rhod~~ Elizabeth & daughter Hannah Sawyer. This may certify that they are members of this Meeting of orderly lives and constant in the attendance of our religious meetings — their outward affairs are setled as far as appears —

"As such we recommend them to your care —

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 23rd of 5th Mo 1834

Benajah Buffum } Clerks
Ann E Lank

The Committee respecting a Monthly Meeting Library presented the following report which is accepted, and we appoint Joshua Meader. Pelatiah Hussey. William Hill. Joseph L. Hoag. Isaac Varney and Benajah Buffum. a Committee to have the general oversight of said Library for one year.

Library Committee appointed

The Committee respecting a Library inform that they have obtained subscription to the amount of $ and propose the following rules.

1st That the Library be called

2nd That it shall be constituted of such books only as the Meeting shall judge proper.

3rd There shall be appointed annually a Committee of at least six Friends to take the general care and superintendance of the Library and report their doings and the situation of said Library at the end of the year.

4th The Committee shall propose to the Monthly Meeting next after their appointment a suitable Friend for Librarian.

5th The duty of the Librarian shall be to deliver and receive the books, and make an keep all necessary records, also a catalogue of the books and a copy of the regulations for the benefit of the Library. He may assess and collect all fines arising from damage or improper detention of the books. subject to an appeal to the Standing Committee

6th The books may be taken out on Monthly Meeting and returned on preparative Meeting days. and may be kept out untill the second preparative Meeting after the book is taken out.

7th No member shall take more than one book at a time.

8th The Committee and Librarian shall be subject to the Monthly Meetings direction during their appointment

John D. Lang
Joshua Meader
Benajah Buffum
Joseph D. Hoag
Pelatiah Hussey
Committee

By the preparative Meeting we are informed that Edward Evans requests the care of Friends and we appoint Joseph Bracket John D Lang and Joshua Meader to visit and confer with him thereon and report at next meeting.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Benajah Buffum Clerk

6 Mo. 1834

At Berwick Monthly Meeting held at North Berwick 27th of 6th Mo. 1834

The Representatives by appointment are Nicholas Estes James Hussey and Cyrus Buffum who are present except Nicholas Estes.

Timothy Hill Disowned

The Committee in the case of Timothy Hill presented the following report which is accepted and this meeting after a time of consideration is united in disowning him. He is accordingly with the concurence of the womens Meeting disowned from membership with us and we appoint Joseph Bracket to inform him thereof and report.

Librarian Appointed — The Library Committee propose Benajah Buffum for Librarian he is accordingly appointed to that service for one year.

Pursuent to appointment we have attended to the subject of the complaint against Timothy Hill one of the Committee has had an opportunity with him he appeared sensible of his deviations from Friend's principles. but did not appear disposed to make any satisfaction for his out going which is submitted

South Berwick 6 Mo. 21st 1834 Andrew Austin } Pelatiah Hussey } Commt

The Committee in the case of Edward Evans request inform they have taken some care in the case but not being ready to report they are continued

The following Certificate in favor of Benajah Varney and family was red and accepted.

Benajah Varneys Certificate Received — To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends Benajah Varney having removed with his family within the limits of your Meeting requests our Certificate for himself and Sarah his wife and their Children viz. Mary Esther, Charles Edwin, William Henry and Sarah Ann, this may certify on their behalf that they are members of our meeting of orderly lives and conversation, and their outward affairs are settled with us as far as appears, as such we recommend them to your christian care and oversight.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 Mo 25th 1834

By Joseph Tuttle {
Ruth Sawyer } Clerks

. Our esteemed Friend John D. Lang returned the Certificate which was granted him in the first month last with the following minute.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
Our esteemed friend John D. Lang in the ministry with a certificate from your Meeting bearing date 17th of 1 Mo. 1834 acceptably attended our Quarterly Meeting in the 2nd Mo. last since which time he has visited the most of our particular Meetings to the satisfaction of Friends.

By direction and on behalf of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 5 Mo. 29th 1834

Daniel Taber }
Lydia P. Fry } Clerks

Daniel Hanson requests a removal certificate to Weare Monthly Meeting for his son Charles, a Minor, and we appoint Pelatiah Hussey and Amasa Varney to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears to prepare one and have at next meeting

Having closed the business at this time we conclude

Benajah Buffum Clerk

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 25th of 7th Mo. 1834.

The Representatives by appointment are Joseph L. Hoag and John Estes who are present.

Our esteemed Friend Thomas Arnett attended this meeting with a certificate from Center Mo. Meeting of Friends held in Clinton Co. Ohio 17th of 7th Mo. 1833. endorsed by Center Quarterly Meeting of Friends in Clinton Co. Ohio held on the 3rd of 8th Mo. 1833. His company and religious services have been verry acceptable to us.

Satisfactory reasons ware given for the nonattendance of Nicholas Estes at our last monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Edward Evans not being ready to report are again continued.

Those appointed to prepare a Certificate for Charles Hanson presented the following which is approved and signed by the Clerk.

To Weare Monthly Meeting

Daniel Hanson having requested our Certificate in favor of his son Charles (a minor) who has removed within your limits. this may certify that he is a member of this Meeting as such we recommend him to your care.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Mo. Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 25th of 7th Mo. 1834.

Benajah Buffum }
Ann C. Lang } Clerks

The Friend who was appointed to inform Timo. Hill of the decission of this Meeting in his case reports that he has been informed.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude.

Benajah Buffum Clerk

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 22nd of 8 Mo. 1834.

The Representatives by appointment are William Hill and Amasa Varney who are present

The Queries are read with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at North Berwick the 28 inst. and we appoint Joshua Meader, Richard Eastman, Ezra Allen and Isaac Varney to attend said Meeting as our Representatives.

Daniel Page 3rd of Weare and Elizabeth Nichols came into this Meeting and declared their intention of taking eachother in marriage, he having produced the following certificate of his clearness in that respect, also having consent of Parents.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends,

Daniel Page 3rd having requested of us a certificate for the purpose of accomplishing marriage under the notice of your Meeting, we hereby certify that he is a member of this Meeting, and there is nothing apparent to prevent his proceeding.

Given forth at Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8 Mo. 14th 1834

Joseph Hoag Clerk

Weare 8 Mo. 19th. 1834 To Berwick Monthly Meeting this may inform that our son Daniel Page 3rd has our consent to proceed in marriage with Elizabeth Nichols a member of your Meeting.

Daniel Page
Comfort Page

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James Hussey Jr. and Rebecca J. Prescott came into this Meeting and declared their intention of taking eachother in marriage and we appoint Elijah Neal and Nicholas Cass to enquire into the clearness of said James in that respect and report at next Meeting

We are informed that Albert G. Hussey requests a certificate to East Greenwich Mo. Meeting signifying his right to membership and clearness to proceed in marriage with Ruth Osborn we appoint Joseph L. Hoag and Isaac Varney to enquire into his clearness in that respect and if no objection appears prepare one and have at next Meeting

Our esteemed Friend John Meader in a weighty manner opened in this Meeting a prospect which had for several months accompanied his mind of having a religious visit to some of the meetings of Friends and others within the limits of Falmouth and Vassalborough Quarterly Meetings, more particularly to some remote settlements which after a time of consideration was fully and freely united with and he left at liberty to proceed therein as truth may open the way he being a member of this Meeting and a Minister in unity with us.

John Meader
Certificate
granted

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 22nd of 8th Mo. 1834

Benajah Buffum }
Ann Elmira Lang } Clerks

The Committee in the case of Edward Evans presented the following report &c. which is accepted and we accordingly with the concurrence of the womens Meeting receive him into membership with us and appoint Joseph L. Hoag to inform him thereof and rep

To the Monthly Meeting
Agreeable to appointment we have visited Edward Evans on the subject of his request and believe his motive in wishing to become a member of society is sincere and we think it might be well to receive him into membership which is submitted
North Berwick 8 Mo. 22nd 1834

Joshua Meader
Joseph Bracket
John D. Lang } Committ

We appoint Cyrus Buffum to take the necessary care in providing hay &c. for the ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

Owing to apparent deficiencies in our records we appoint Joseph L. Hoag, Jonathan Buffum, James Hussey, Stephen Jenkins and Daniel Page a Committee to collect names and dates and see that the deficiencies are supplied.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

At Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 26th of 9 Mo. 1834.

The Representatives by appointment are John Buffum and Joseph L. Hoag who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

No objection appearing to Daniel Page 3rd of Weare proceeding in marriage with Elizabeth Nichols they are left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends and we appoint Benajah Buffum and John Buffum to attend said marriage and see that it is conducted orderly and report at next meeting.

Those appointed to enquire into the clearness of James Hussey Jr. report they do not find any thing to his proceeding in marriage as proposed, they are therefore left at liberty to accomplish said marriage in the order of Friends, and we appoint Joshua Meader and Ephraim Morrell to attend the same and see that it is conducted orderly and report at next meeting.

Those appointed to prepare a certificate for Gilbert G. Hussey presented the following which is approved and signed by the Clerk.

To Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Gilbert G. Hussey having requested our certificate addressed to your meeting seting forth his right of membership and clearness to proceed in marriage with Ruth Sisson, these are to certify that he is a member of this meeting and clear of marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears.

Signed by direction of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 26th of 9th Mo. 1834

Benajah Buffum Clerk

David Clough and Mirriam Jenkins appeare
D. Clough in this meeting and declared their intentions of
Published taking eachother in marriage

Our esteemed friend Mahitable Folsom atten-ded this meeting with a certificate from Seabrook Monthly Meeting dated 4th of 9 Mo. 1834, Her company and religious services have been acceptabl to us.

We have also the acceptable company of our friend John Folsom in company with his wife with a copy of a minute from the aforsaid Meeting.

The friend who was appointed to inform Edward Evans reports that he has been inform

The Committee appointed to supply the deficiences in our records not having fully accomplished the service are continued to next meeting.

The following minute from our last Quarterly Meeting was read at this time.

At Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th Mo. 28th 1834.

By a minute received from our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that this meetings prop-
Yearly ortion of Yearly Meeting Stock for the ensuing
Meeting year is sixtyeight dollars and seventyfive cents
Stock which is directed to be apportioned to the several monthly meetings as heretofore, of which Berwick monthly meetings proportion is twenty dollars sixty-two and a half cents

On be half of said Meeting
Ezra Meader Clerk

The following report of the boarding school Committee was read at this time.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island. Sixth Month 1834.

The annual report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

During the consideration of the report, a deep feeling of intrest for the best welfare of the Institution was spread over the Meeting; and while the benefits that have already resulted from it, to the children and youth of the Society, were freely acknowledged, an earnest solicitude was expressed, that the Committee, in the discharge of the important and arduous trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, may be encouraged steadily to keep in view the great objects which led to the establishment of the School as a means for promoting the acquisition of useful learning, in connextion with the moral and religious improvement of the Children consistently with the principles and testimonies which we as a Society believe our selves called upon to maintain,

The recommendation of the committee relative to plainness and simplicity of attire, was cordially united with; the Committees of Monthly Meetings were encouraged to extend an increasing care in this respect; and parents and others having the charge of Children, were impressively exhorted to lend their assistance in promoting this desirable object

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Abram Shearman Jr. Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report, that they have endeavoured to discharge the services confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution; which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction.

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of Scholars has been one hundred and sixty-eight; seventeen of whom have been pupils in the department of the School for instruction in Language, &c. The School is continued under the immediate superintendence of Enoc and Lydia Breed, in which capacity they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould. John Griscom is still usefully employed to superintend the literary department of the Institution. Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earl and Jonathan Slocum are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary H. Griscom, Caroline Cartland, Martha Barker and Anna T. Lockwood in the Girls'. Samuel J. Gummere is continued in charge of the department for Languages &c.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled; and the Committee propose that the terms of admission be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child, six months free of expense, be continued to Monthly Meetings. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of each quarter be paid in advance.

The Committee believe it proper again to recommend to Friends, in sending their Children to the School, to observe, as much as may be, the period of time proposed two years since, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth, and eleventh months.

The importance of maintaining plainness of dress in the inmates of this Institution, has often claimed the serious attention of the Committee;

and we think it right at this time to revive with Friends the necessity of having their children habited in plain attire, and that no articles of apparel unsuitable through want of plainness, be brought by them to the School. And that the Committees of Monthly Meetings may be enabled to render the necessary advice and assistance, Friends are requested to be careful to make application to them for certificates, in sufficient season to afford them this opportunity.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge that the family and schollars have been preserved in health; and that the Institution continues to afford encouraging evidence of its usefulness to the youth of our society.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee, at a Meeting held 2nd of 5th Month 1834,

William Jenkins Clerk

The following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, Sixth Month 1834.

The subject of the guarded, literary and religious instruction of the children and youth of the Society, having again been feelingly adverted to claimed the solid consideration of the Meeting; and the importance of being possessed of a more intimate knowledge of the present state of Education among Friends in the various sections of this Yearly Meeting being generally felt a Committee was appointed to unite with a Committee of the Women's Meeting in considering the subject and to report thereon at a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting the Committee introduced the following minutes of advice to subordinate Meetings, which being deliberately considered were adopted the Women's Meeting uniting therein and the Clerk was directed to forward a sufficient number of copies thereof to our several Quarterly Meetings for the supply of each Monthly and Preparative Meeting within their respective limits and also the necessary forms for the returns proposed to be made to this Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Abraham Shearman Jr. Clerk

The interesting concerns of Education having renewedly claimed the weighty deliberation of the Yearly Meeting it is the earnest desire of the body thus assembled that Friends may endeavor wherever it is practicable to establish select schools within their Preparative or Monthly Meetings (to be taught by exemplary Members of our Society) in which the children of Friends may be exempt from the dangers arising from improper associations and moral and religious principles in conformity to our Christian profession be duly inculcated the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament be daily read and such improved methods of instruction be adopted as will best promote their advancement in useful learning. These Schools should be visited monthly or oftener by Committees of men and women Friends appointed by the Meeting before whom the Children should be exercised in the several branches taught in the School. And in those places where it appears to be impractical to establish preparative or Monthly Meeting Schools, it is desired that friends may endeavor to institute Family Schools in which the Children of one or more Families may daily assemble for literary instruction by some Teacher qualified to impart it. And Friends are every where desired to exercise a becoming liberality in providing Teachers and means of instruction in all their Schools.

To keep alive a concern of such vital importance to our social and religious welfare and that the Yearly Meeting may be furnished with correct information relative thereto Preparative Meetings are directed to transmit to their respective Monthly Meetings a statement of the number of Children within their limits agreeably to the subjoined Queries and insert their answers in the several columns of the form accompanying; which which returns are to be forwarded by the Monthly to the Quarterly Meetings: and a condensed statement of the facts thus collected, to be prepared by the Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings, or by a Committee appointed for that purpose and forwarded with their next annual accounts to this Meeting

Y. Mtg minutes

Queries to be answered by the Preparative Meetings.

1st What number of Children are there in your Meeting of an age suitable for instruction at School say from four to twenty one years of age? Distinguishing between male and female and also distinguishing between those under the age of fourteen and those over that age

2nd What number of Children have been actually at School within the year. Distinguishing between male and female and also between those under fourteen and those over that age

3rd What number of Schools have been kept under the care of Friends in your Meeting during the past year. Distinguishing between preparative Meeting Monthly Meeting and Family Schools

4th What has been the average duration of the Schools under the care of Friends within the year.

5th What number of Teachers have been employed in these Schools within the year Distinguishing between male and female Teachers.

6th What number of Children are there in your Meeting who have attended District or mixed Schools Distinguishing between male and female and also

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between those under the age of fourteen and those over that age

7th. Is there care taken that the Books used in the Schools under the care of Friends in the several departments taught in the schools are judiciously selected.

(Preparative Meetings are requested to prepare Answers to these Queries in sufficient season for such answers to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meetings that will be held in the fourth or fifth months next year.)
6 Mo. 1834.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month. Benajah Buffum Clerk

10th Mo. 1834

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 17th of 10 Mo. 1834.

The Representatives by appointment are Isaac Varney and William Robinson who are present.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed having expired Benajah Buffum is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries are read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover the 23rd inst and we appoint William Hill, Elijah Neal and Stephen Nichols Representatives thereto.

David Clough presented the following certificate from Salem Mo. Meeting expressive of his clearness to proceed in marriage with Miriam Jenkins viz. he is accordingly left at liberty to accomplish said marriage in the order of Friends and we appoint Joseph D. Hoag & Elijah Neal to attend the same and see that it is conducted orderly & report at next Mo.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends.

David Clough a member of this meeting requests our certificate showing his clearness on account of marriage, this may inform that we find nothing to obstruct his proceeding in marriage with Miriam Jenkins a member of your meeting.

David Clough certificate

Signed by direction and on behalf of Salem Monthly Meeting held by adjournment from the 9th to the 13th of 10th Mo. 1834.

By James Oliver Clerk for the day

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Berwick 17th of 10 Mo. 1834.

This may certify that our son David Clough who has removed within the limits of Salem Monthly Meeting has our consent to accomplish marriage with Miriam Jenkins.

Brunswick 21st of 9 Mo. 1834

Isaac Clough
Mary Clough

Those appointed to attend the marriage of Daniel Page 3rd report they attended and that it was conducted orderly.

Those appointed to attend the marriage of James Hussey Jr report they attended and that it was conducted orderly.

The Committee appointed to supply the deficiencies in our records report that they have attended to their appointment but that the service is not fully accomplished they are therefore continued to next meeting.

The Committee who were appointed several years since to visit the North Meeting present the following report which is accepted and the

North Meeting Granted

Meeting granted accordingly, the womens Meeting uniting therewith.

To the Mo. Meeting

We your Committee have at sundry times attended the North Meeting both on first days and on fourth days and may say from the present appearance of things that we are of the opinion that it might be for the best to grant a Meeting to be held in that vicinity to be held on first days and on fourth days all which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

9th Mo. 24th 1834

Joshua Jenkins
Joshua Meader
Andrew Austin
Sibel Jenkins
Phebe Meader

The following extract is received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. Viz.

Our esteemed friend John D. Lang attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Berwick Monthly Meeting held at North Berwick 17th of 1st Mo. 1834 and has since attended most of the Meetings constituting this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable.

The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth 6th Mo 5th 1834
Josiah Marston Clerk for the day.

The Clerk is directed to furnish Seabrook Monthly Meeting with a copy of the minute which was taken at our las Mo. Meeting in favor of John Folsom and Wife.

This Meeting concludes to appoint a Meeting on 3rd day afternoon next at half past 1 Oclock for the purpose of David Clough and Miriam Jenkins accomplishing marriage.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude
Benajah Buffum Clerk

11th Mo. 1834

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 28th of 11 Mo. 1834

The Representatives by appointment are Cyrus Buffum and Stephen Nichols who are present.

Clerks appointed

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired Benajah Buffum is appointed Clerk and Pelatiah Hussey assistant Clerk for one year.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

Those appointed to attend the marriage of David Clough report that they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The Committee to supply the deficiencies in our records not having fully accomplished the service are again continued.

The women inform that they have concluded to disown Sarah Horrell and Jane Springer with which this Meeting unites.

George Nichols presented his bill of seven dollars for building fire &c. which is accepted. Also Cyrus Buffum presents a bill of one dollar and fifty cents for cutting grass & tending horses at our last Quarterly Meeting which is accepted and the money subscribed.

We appoint Joshua Meader and Benajah Buffum to take the necessary care of our Meeting house and lot. also in providing fires for one year.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude. Benajah Buffum Clerk

12th Mo. 1834

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 26th of 12th Mo. 1834.

The Representatives by appointment are Elijah Neal am Wm Hussey who are present.

The Committee to supply the deficiencies in our records are again continued.

Overseers Appointed

Joshua Meader, John Buffum and James Hussey having been nominated through the preparative Meeting for Overseers this Meeting appoints them to that service for one year.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

1 Mo. 1835

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 16th of 1 Mo. 1835

The Representatives by appointment are Benajah Buffum and Elijah Neal who are present.

The Queries are read with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th which are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Sandwich the 22nd inst. by James Hussey Benajah Buffum and William Hill whom we appoint Representatives thereto.

Mark Allen Published

Mark Allen and Mercy Hill Jr came into this Meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in mariage whereupon we appoint James Hussey and Benajah Buffum to inquire into the clearness of said Mark in that respect and report at next meeting.

Our esteemed Friend Hannah H. Battey attended this Meeting with a certificate from Starksborough Monthly Meeting of Friends held 31st. of 10 Mo 1834, and endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting held at Lincoln State of Vermont the 6th day of the 11th Mo 1834 Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Also our esteemed friend Abigail R. Hoag attended this meeting in company with Hannah H. Battey with a certificate from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Monkton 3rd of 12 Mo 1834 Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Amos Battey in company with Hannah H. Battey attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Starksborough Monthly meeting held at Lincoln 5th of 12th Mo. 1834. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Committee to supply the deficiences in our records are continued to report when the service is performed.

The following Complaint is received from the Overseers through the Preparative Meeting against Joseph W. Buffum Viz. and we appoint Isaac Varney and Andrew Austin to visit and confer with him thereon and report at next Meeting

To the preparative Meeting.

Complaint against Joseph P. Buffum

Joseph P. Buffum has for a considerable time neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings and gone out in dreſs and addreſs, also has of late married out of the order of friends to a woman not a member of our society being previously cautioned against it, which is submitted.

S. Berwick 1 Mo. 8th 1835
John Buffum }
Joshua Meader } Overseers

The following complaint is received from the Overseers through the preparative Meeting against Winthrop Morrell jr. viz. and we appoint Wm Hill and Elijah Neal to visit and treat with him thereon and report at next Meeting

To the preparative Meeting.

Complaint Winthrop Morrell jr.

Winthrop Morrell jr. a member of this Meeting has married out of the order of friends to a woman not a member of our society which we thought required the notice of the Meeting.

S. Berwick 1 Mo. 8th 1835

John Buffum }
Joshua Meader } Overseers

Our esteemed friend John D. Lang opened in this meeting a prospect which had for a considerable time attended his mind of paying a religious visit to friends, and others within the limits of Salem, Smithfield and some parts of Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings, which after a time of solid consideration was united with and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as truth may open the way he being a Member and Minister in unity with us. Signed in and on behalf of Berwick Mo. Meeting of Friends held at S. Berwick
1st Mo. 16th 1835
Benejah Buffum }
Ann Elmira Lang } Clerks

Our Esteemed friend Joseph D. Hoag opened in this Meeting a prospect which had for a considerable time attended his mind to pay a religious visit to the Quarterly Meetings of Falmouth and Vassalborough, and the Meetings constituting them, as also in some places to those not in religious profession with us. Which after a time of solid consideration was united with, and he left at liberty to persue his prospect as truth may open the way. he being a Member and Minister in unity with us.

Signed in and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 16th of 1st Mo. 1835

Benajah Buffum }
Ann Elmira Lang } Clerks

This Meeting is united in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting, that our Monthly Meetings be held in future on the fifth day of the week, instead of the sixth day.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

At Berwick Monthly Meeting held at North Berwick 27th of 2nd Mo. 1835

The Representatives by appointment are John Estes and Joshua F. Meader who are present.

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Those appointed to enquire into the clearness of Mark Allen report that they do not find any thing abstruct his proceeding in marriage as proposed. He is therefore left at liberty to accomplish said marriage in the order of Friends and we appoint Benajah Buffum and Joshua Meader to attend the same and see that it is conducted orderly and report at next Meeting.

J. P. Buffum Disowned

Those appointed to visit Joseph P. Buffum presented the following report viz. Which is accepted and he is accordingly with the concurrence of the women's meeting disowned from membership with us. and we appoint Amasa Varney to inform him thereof and report.

To the Monthly Meeting

We have attended to our appointment in the case of Joseph P. Buffum and one of the Committee has had an opportunity with him he justifies himself in the course he has taken and appears quite indifferent as to remaining any longer a member of our society, there appears no prospect to us of any further labour being useful in the case. which is submited

Andw. Austin } Committee
North Berwick 2 Mo. 27th 1835 Isaac Varney }

Those appointed to visit Winthrop Morrell jr. inform they have taken some care in the case but are not ready to report, they are therefore continued to next Meeting.

The following minute is received from our last Quarterly Meeting and our Meetings in future will be held in accordance therewith *

The following complaint is received against Jedediah Morrell and we appoint Joshua Jenkins and Elijah Neal to visit and confer with him thereon and report at next Meeting.

To the preparative Meeting

Jedediah Morrell has much neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings and married out of the order of Friends to a Woman not a member of our society. which is submited

John Buffum }
N. Berwick 2nd Mo. 19th 1835 Joshua Meader } Overseers

* This Meeting with the concurrence of the womens Meeting unites with the proposal of Berwick Monthly Meeting in altering the time of holding said Meeting from the sixth day of the week to the fifth.

From the minutes of Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 1 Mo. 22nd 1835
Ezra Meader Clerk

We are informed that Nathan Jenkins requests a removal certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting for himself and wife Alice B. and we appoint Joshua Meader and Pelatiah Hussey to join with a Committee from the womens Meeting in making the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears prepare one and have at next Meeting

We appoint Joshua Meader, Benaiah Buffum, Andrew Austin, Isaac Varney and William Hill a committee to advise with Friends of the North Meeting in selecting a suitable Lot and building a Meeting house in that place.

This Meeting grants Mark Allen the privalige of accomplishing marriage at this place, by his request.

Having no further business at this time we conclude intending to meet again on the fourth fifth day in next month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

3 Mo. 1835

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 26th of 3d Mo. 1835.

The Representatives by appointment are John Buffum and Benaiah Varney who are present.

Those appointed to attend the marriage of Mark Allen report they attended and that it was conducted orderly.

The Friend who was appointed to inform Joseph F. Buffum of the decission of last Meeting in his case reports that he has been informed.

The Committee in the case of Winthrop Morrell Jr. presented the following report, and acknowledgement, which are accepted, and after deliberating thereon, he is, with the concurrence of the womens Meeting, restored to the privaliges of society.

To the Monthly Meeting.

Persuant to appointment we have visited Winthrop Morrell Jr. on the subject of complaint againt him, he appeared sensible of his deviation from the good order of society, and, after having his views on the subject, we believe he has a sincere attachment to friends, and the order of society, he has put into our hands a communication which we herewith submit to the meeting

Elijah Neal
North Berwick 26th of 3 Mo. 1835 William Hill

Winthrop Morrell Jr's acknowledgment

To Berwick Monthly Meeting to be held 26th of 3 Mo 1835.

Being convinced of the propriety of the good order used among friends and feeling sensible that I have deviated therefrom. I feel willing to condemn the practice and desire friends to overlook it and still extend their care over me   Winthrop Morrell Jr.

The Committee in the case of Jedediah Morrell are continued.

Those appointed to prepare a certificate for Nathan Jenkins presented the following which is approved and signed by the Clerk

Nathan Jenkins Certificate

To Salem Monthly Meeting.

Nathan Jenkins and wife Alice B. having removed from us to your Meeting and request our Certificate. This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this Meeting and their outward affairs settled amongst us as far as appears. as such we recommend them to your care and oversight.

By direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting held at North Berwick 3 Mo 26th 1835

Jeremiah Buffum }
Ann Elmira Lang } Clerks

The following certificate in favor of Horatio S. Morrell is received and accepted

Horatio S. Morrell's certificate

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Horatio S. Morrell having removed within the limits of your meeting. we hereby certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting, is clear of marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears and his secular affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled. We recommend him to your Christian care

Signed on behalf and by direction of Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 12th 1835.

Joseph Hoag }
Mary Page } Clerks

A certificate in favor of Ruth Hussey has been read at this time, and accepted.

The following certificate in favor of Asa Sisson jr. has been read and accepted

To Berwick Monthly Meeting.

Asa Siſson Certificate

Dear Friends. Asa Siſson jr. a minor having remov to reside within your limits requests our certificate these are therefore to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious society of orderly life and conversation, and a pretty diligent attender of Meetings, with desires for his growth in the truth we recommend him to your Christian care, and are your friends —

Signed on behalf and by direction of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Cranston Rho Island 12 Mo. 1st 1834

By { William Reynolds
Joanna Peck } Clerks

John Meader Certificate returned

Our esteemed Friend John Meader returned the certificate granted him in the 8th month last with th following minute

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Our esteemed friend John Meader in the ministry with a copy of a minute from your mee ing of 8th Mo. last attended this Meeting whose company and religious services have been satisfactory and edifying

By direction and on behalf of Vassalbor Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 9th of 11 Mo. 1834

Daniel Taber }
Lydia D. Fry } Clerks

We appoint Joseph Bracket and William Hill overseers of the Poor for one year —

John D. Lang
certificate
returned

Our esteemed Friend John D. Lang returned the certificate granted him in the first month last with the following minutes

To Berwick Mo. Meeting of Friends

Our esteemed Friend John D. Lang attended this meeting with a certificate of unity and concurrence from Berwick Mo. Meeting of Friends held 1 Mo. 16th 1835 His company and Gospel labours have been satisfactory to us.

On behalf of Weare Mo. Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 12th 1835.

Joseph Hoag }
Mary Paige } Clerks

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 2 Mo. 25th 1835.

Our friend John D. Lang attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Berwick Monthly Meeting held 1 Mo. 16th 1835 expressive of his being a minister in unity with them his company and services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to give him a copy of this minute

Extracted from the minutes
John Farnum Clerk

Our esteemed friend John D. Lang attended this meeting with a certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting held 1 Mo. 16th 1835 expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them. His company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us.

Extracted from the Minutes of Smithfield Monthly Meeting held 2nd Mo. 26th 1835

John Osborne Clerk

Our esteemed friend John D. Lang attended this Meeting with a certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting held 1 Mo. 16th 1835 expressive of his being a minister in esteem with them and of their unity with him in his prospect of visiting friends in these parts. His company and gospel services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Signed on behalf of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 Mo. 27th 1835 by

Effingham L. Capron Clerk

Joseph D. Hoag, Certificate Returned

Our esteemed friend Joseph D. Hoag returned the certificate granted him in the first month last.

Having closed the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again on the 3rd 5th day in next month

Benajah Buffum Clerk

4 Mo. 1835.

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 16th of 4th Mo. 1835.

The Representatives by appointment are Elijah Neal and Isaac Varney who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with the following answers which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover the 23rd inst. by John Meader, Joseph Bracket and Joseph D. Hoag whom we appoint Representatives to said Meeting.

Ans. 1st Meetings on first days are generally attended by the greater part of Friends, but a slackness appears in the attendance of midweek Meetings & those for discipline. The hour generally observed. Clear of unbecoming behaviour except some instances of sleeping in some at times.

Ans 2nd Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most yet there are a few instances where it is otherwise. Not all careful enough to guard against detraction Some care has been taken to end differences.

3rd There appears a want of due care in a few instances to bring up those under their care in plainness.
We know of no pernicious books being read amongst us. The Holy scriptures are frequent read in Friends families.

4th We believe most friends are careful as to making an improper use of spiritious Liquors but there are a few instances where it is used other than for medicine and of frequenting places of public resort and some care taken. Clear in the other perticulars.

5th Care has been taken these respects.

6th Generally careful in these perticulars.

7th Clear.

8th We believe there is a general care in these respects, yet a more timely settling of accounts than is practice would be better.

9th Careful in these respects.

10th There has been a good degree of care taken to deal with offenders, but delays have been apparent in some instances.
No cause of complaint as to placing judgment.

The Committee in the case of Jedediah Morrell not being ready to report are continued.

The following complaint is received against Elijah Allen and we appoint Joseph

Bracket and Joshua Jenkins to visit and treat with him thereon and report at next Meeting. *

The Queries from our last Yearly Meeting in relation to schools, have been read with answers annexed which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

To the Preparative Meeting.

* Elijah Allen has for a long time much neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings and so given way to the use of intoxicating liquors as to bring thereby a reproach on himself and Friends. he has at different times been treated with on these accounts but without the desired affect.

Which is submited
North Berwick 4 Mo. 9th 1835
John Buffum }
Joshua Meader } Overseers

A Certificate has been read in favor of Elmira Hussey, a minor, which is accepted.

We appoint John D. Lang and William Hill to make the necessary enquiry and no objection appears prepare a removal Certificate to Weare Monthly Meeting for Green Johnson and have at next Meeting.

Peter M. Neal requests a removal certificate to Falmouth Monthly Meeting, and we appoint Joseph D. Hoag and Isaac Varney to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears prepare one and have at next Meeting.

The Overseers of the poor presented a bill of thirty five dollars which is accepted and we appoint Joseph D. Hoag, Isaac Varney, Pelatiah Hussey and Thaddeus Morrell to apportion the same together with our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock among the individuals of this Meeting.

Yearly
Meeting
Stock
$20,62½

We have directed the Clerk to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Quarterly Meetings Treasure

Having closed the business at this time we purpose to meet again on the 4th 5th day in next month.

Binajah Buffum Clerk

5 mo 1835

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 28th 1836 ——

The representatives by appointment are Joseph Trasket and Amasa Varney who are present.

The Clerk of this meeting having removed from within its limits Joseph D Hoag is appointed to fill the vacancy untill the time expires for which the former one was appointed

The Representatives to our last Quarterly meeting report that they all attended

The committee in the case of Jedidiah Morrell made the following report viz. which is accepted and after and after a time of consideration with the concurrence of the womens meeting he is disowned and Joseph D Hoag is appointed to inform him thereof (see the attached paper for report)

The committee in the case of Elijah Allen inform that they had visited him but are not ready to report they are continued

The committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Green Johnson inform that they are not prepared at this time to present one

The committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Peter M. Neal produce ~~the following~~ an essay

To the Monthly Meeting

Agreeable to appointment we have taken an opportunity with Benedict Barnett and although he seemed to give satisfaction to us at the time yet we see no prospect that he will do enough at present to satisfy friends as it respects the complaint against him.

N. Berwick 5th mo 29th 1835

Joshua Jenkins
Elijah [illegible]

which is accepted and Signed by the Clerk viz and is as follows viz

To Falmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends

P McNeal's Certificate

Peter McNeal having removed within the limits of your meeting requests our Certificate this may Certify that he is a member of this meeting and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and is Clear of Marriage engagements as far as appears as such we recommend him to your care and are your friends.

Signed on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 5th Mo 28th 1852

By Joseph E Hoag } Clerks
Ann C Lang }

The womens Meeting informed that it had concluded to disown Lois Allen with which this meeting unites

The Committee appointed at last meeting to apportion the money to be raised amongst the members of this meeting report attention to the appointment they are continued to the further care of the subject

This meeting is informed that Benajah Buffum requests a Certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting for himself & family viz Cynthia his wife and their two Children Elizabeth & Andrew R also for David H Buffum a minor John Meader & Isaac Varney are appointed to unite with a committee of the womens meeting in making the necessary inquiry & if nothing appears to hinder then prepare an essay and produce to next meeting

William Hill, Isaac Varney Amasa Varney & John Meader are appointed a committee to attend and have the oversight of funerals as occasion may require

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again on the 4th 5th day in next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

6 Mo 1835

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 25th of 6 Mo 1835

The Representatives by appointment are Andrew Austin & Albert G Hussey who are present

The Friend appointed to inform Zebediah Morrell of his disownment reported the appointment not answered

The committee in the case of Elijah Allen inform that they are not ready prepared to report

The committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Green Johnson produced one which is approved and signed by the Clerk on behalf of the meeting and is as follows (viz)

To Maine Monthly Meeting of Friends

Green Johnson having removed within the limits of your Meeting requests our Certificate these may Certify that we on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting his outward affairs settled and Clear of marriage engagements as far as appears as such we recommend him to your Christian Care

On behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6 mo 25th 1835

Joseph D Hoag
Ann E Lang } Clerks

The committee continued from last meeting in the care of obtaining a payment of the money apportioned to the members of the meeting inform that they are not ready to report and are continued

The committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Benajah Buffum & family produced one which was approved and signed by the clerk on behalf of the meeting and is as follows (viz)

To Salem Monthly meeting of friends

Benajah Buffum having removed with his family (viz) his wife Cynthia their children Elisabeth & [illegible] ~~and their Daniel H [illegible] their [illegible]~~ within the limits of your meeting requests our Certificate this may certify that they are members of this meeting of orderly life and conversation and Constant in the attendance of meetings and their [illegible] settled to satisfaction as such we Recommend them to your Care

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly meeting of friends held at North — — Berwick 6 Mo 25th 1835

Joseph D Hoag }
Ann E Long } Clerks

Received at this time 40 Copys of the London friends Epistle for distribution amongst the members of this meeting

Received the following Minute from [illegible] Quarterly (viz)

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends

Our Esteemed friend Jos. D Hoag in the ministry with your Certificate of 1st Mo 16th 1835 attended our Quarterly meeting in the second month last since which he has visited all the meetings constituting this meeting and [illegible] some amongst those not of our Society in which his company and religious services have been satisfactory and edifying

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By direction and on behalf of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 18th 1835

Daniel Taber }
Lydia Page } Clerks

Having closed the business of the time we conclude proposing to meet again on the 4th 5th day of next month

Joseph D. [illegible] clerk

7th mo 1835 —

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 23d of 7th mo 1835

The [illegible] appointment were Stephen Nichols & Benajah Varney who are present

The friend appointed to inform Jedediah Merrill of his disownment reported that he has informed him

The committee in the case of Elijah Dillon inform that they have given attention to the appointment but are not ready to report they are continued

The committee continued from last meeting to solicit the payment of the money apportioned to the members of the meeting inform ~~that~~ they have rec'd $46.12 c. as part of the amount apportioned [illegible] was referred [illegible] remaining under the care of the committee

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again on the 3d 5th day of next month

Joseph D. [illegible] Clerk

8th mo 1835

At Berwick monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 26th of 8th Mo 1835

The Representatives from the Preparative meeting by appointment are John Buffum & Richard Cortman who are present

* The committee continued from last meeting to the care of the subject of raising money inform that they have not raised any since last meeting it was concluded to raise $ 9.50/100 (the Ballance remaining due) by [illegible] which was accordingly done

* The Queries were read in this meeting with the answers to the 1st 9th & 10 which are directed to the ensuing Quarterly meeting to be held at No Berwick the 27th inst And we appoint William Hill Daniel Page & Stephen Jenkins to attend said meeting as Representatives

The committee in the case of Elijah Allen not being fully prepared to report are continued

Pelatiah Hussey is appointed to have the care of providing hay &c for the ensuing Quarterly meeting

This meeting is informed that Asa Sisson requests a removal Certificate to Greenwich Monthly Meeting Pelatiah Hussey & John D Long are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if the way is clear prepare one and produce to next meeting

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposeing to meet again on the 4th 5th day in next month.

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

9th Mo 1835

At Berwick Mo Meeting of friends held at North-Berwick 9th 24th 1835

The representatives from the preparative meeting by appointment are Joseph Brooker & Cyrus Buffum who were present

The committee in the case of Elijah Allen are again continued

The representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly meeting inform that they all attended except one

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate for for Asa Gisson junr produced one which was approved and signed by the Clerk on behalf of the meeting and is as follows viz,

To Greenwich Monthly of Friends
Asa Gisson junr a minor having removed within the limits of your Meeting request our certificate this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and while with us was of an orderly life and a frequent attender of meeting. his outward affairs are settled as far as appears as such we recommend him to your Christian care and regard

On behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 24th 1835
Joseph E Hoag Clerk
Phebe [illegible] assistant Clerk

Our Esteemed friend Lydia Dean attended this meeting with a certificate with a Certificate of concurrence from Ferrisburgh Monthly meeting of friends held at Monkton 27th of June 1835 endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly meeting held at Peru 4th of 8th Mo 1835 whose company and gospel labors have been to our satisfaction

Our Esteemed friend William Dean also attended this meeting as companion to his wife Lydia Dean with a minute of concurrence from Farmisburgh Monthly meeting of friends held at Monkton 7th Mo 29th 1835 whose Company has been acceptable to us
The Clerk is directed to furnish the above friends with suitable extracts from these minutes

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposeing to meet again on the 3d 5th day of next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

10 Mo 1835

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 16th of 10th Mo 1835

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting were Elijah Neal & Joshua Meader who were present

Tobias Meader & Phebe H. Meader appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10 which were directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and Joshua Meader, Elijah Hussey & Cyrus [illegible] were appointed to attend said meeting as representatives

The following Epistle was from our last Yearly Meeting was received and read at this time and was to our satisfaction (viz)

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island from the 11th ~~[illegible]~~ to the 19th of the 6th Mo inclusive 1835

Having in this our annual assembly been enabled to dip together in feeling in a good measure of that unity of that Spirit which is the root of peace, our dear absent brethren have been brought affectionately to remembrance with desires that they may be drawn [illegible] with us in some of the exercises that have pervaded our minds.

In reviewing the State of Society as brought before us by the answers to the Queries Friends were impressively reminded of the obligation that rests upon every well concerned member of the body, others as well as overseers to labour after a right qualification of mind in order then to admonish a brother who may be overtaken in a fault, in the Spirit of restoring [illegible] "go tell him his fault between thee and him alone," is an injunction of the highest authority. And were the duty of seasonable private admonition, thus attended to, in meekness and wisdom, we have no doubt that it would be blessed to the reclaiming of many in the early stages of deviation; and that an increase of strength and peace, an advancement in the pathway of holiness would be witnessed by those who were engaged in these labours of love and that they would thus become blessed both to the giver and receiver. While on the other hand, those who indulge themselves in unnecessarily making the faults, real or supposed of others, a subject of conversation or communication by letters, and in ~~conversation~~ spreading them abroad by these means, or who indulge an unwarrantable curiosity in listening to such conversation and letters, cannot but sustain a loss to themselves in addition to the great injury that they inflict upon the immediate objects of this detracting spirit upon which a blessing can never rest nor the dew of heaven descend." The great neglect still apparent in the attendance of our religious meetings, particularly on the middle of the week has been deeply affecting to our feelings and we have greatly desired that our members may be stirred up to a sense of this important duty. May we be impressed with the obligation of attending all our meetings as well on week days as on the day which is set apart for that service by common consent of the Christian world. If we are in the habitual neglect of mid week meetings, although we may punctually assemble with our friends on first-day, when the care of the world solicits our attention to our secular concerns, does not our conduct plainly evince that we prefer our worldly interest to those things which effect our eternal welfare. As we neglect our duty in this particular we shall invariably witness a consequent diminish in relation to other religious duties, untill we become as decayed and withered branches, which, not abiding in the true Vine, become barren and unfruitfull. Let us, then, not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but may we be concerned, reverently to present our bodies, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is but our reasonable service. And as we are concerned, on these solemn occasions, to wait upon Him from whom alone all our spiritual strength is derived, we shall be preserved from being overcome with drowsiness, a weakness which, in some instances has been fallen into, to the reproach of the high profession which we are making, in relation to the spirituality of divine worship. It is truly painfull to observe that, at the present time, when the public mind is becoming more and more awakened to the alarming evil of intemperance, and whilst others are engaged in persevering efforts for its removal, any who profess with us should be so unmindfull of our well known testimony as regards this subject, and of the moral influence which a strict adherance thereto on the part of individual members would enable our society to exert in the world, as to indulge themselves in the use of spiritous liquors except for medicinal purposes. May there be an increasing care faithfully to maintain this branch of our religious Christian testimonies, and we believe as this becomes to be the case, we shall find that the necessity of resorting to the use of this pernicious article as a medicine will be of extremely rare occurance. The violation of our testimony in relation to Marriage, instances of which are so frequent — the reports of several

[illegible]

of our subordinate meetings, has been a subject of deep concern at this time. When we consider the leniency which has long been manifested towards our society by the several state governments within the limits of this yearly meeting, we are led to the conclusion that the observance of military requisitions by any of our members must have been voluntary. An ignorance of the principles on which our objections to this antichristian practice are founded, or a want of serious consideration thereof, is clearly evinced; and desires have been expressed in this meeting that there may be a renewed attention to the circulation and perusal among the younger members of our society of such treatises as exhibit in a striking manner the unlawfulness of war, and its utter incompatibility with the principles of the gospel of peace. We are impressed with the belief that as we are faithful in the discharge of our religious duties our society may be made eminently instrumental under the divine blessing in hastening the coming of that day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more.

And we earnestly desire that Friends may be impressed with the importance of maintaining a vigilant supervision over the dear youth under their care early endeavouring to guard them against against every thing which may give a wrong direction to their susceptible minds carefully restraining them from attending military parades or exhibitions and guarding them from the pernicious influence of those books wherein military fame is held up as a worthy object of pursuit the continued and aggravated wrongs of the oppressed ~~people of~~ and degraded people of coloured people of our country, has been a subject to which our minds have been turned with renewed concern that we might feel the weight and importance of our testimony on this subject, we desire that Friends may become duly sensible that we have acted in relation to it from religious considerations, and in accordance with the principles of the Gospel of Christ.

May Friends so continue to dwell under the influence of divine wisdom, and so attend to the pointings of Truth that we may be preserved in such a consistent walking, as will best promote this great cause of Christian benevolence; and be careful that in all our movements we may act together in unity and love

Signed in behalf and by direction
of the Meeting aforesaid
Abraham Sherman jr Clerk

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee to the Yearly Meeting was also recd and read accompanied with the annexed communication from the said Committee and also the report of the committee of the Yearly meeting on Education

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in Rhode Island from the 14th to the 19th inclusive of the sixth month 1835

The following Report of the Boarding School committee was received and read and being satisfactory to the Meeting Copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly Meetings and Monthly Meetings.

From the minutes of said Meeting — A Sherman jr Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting

The Boarding School committee report: that they have endeavoured for the past year to discharge the duties committed to them in attending to the various concerns of the Institution which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction.

In doing this they have not been unmindful of the objects friends have had in view in the establishment of the school and of the wishes of its benevolent donors

Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of Schollars has been one hundred and forty-three eleven of whom have been pupils in the department for languages &c.

Our friends Seth & Mary Davis, of Dartmouth, have been engaged as Superintendents of the school, to supply the place of our friends Enoch & Lydia Breed who have acceptably served us in that capacity for the last eleven years, and now wish to be released. Our friend John Griscom has continued his services in the Institution during the past year, but his engagement will terminate the first of seventh month next. Isaac Hathaway is employed as Book-keeper, and care-taker of the Boys out of School hours; and Christina Gale has charge of the sewing school and is care-taker of the Girls out of school Hours

Henry Earle, Jonathan Slocum, George H Rice and Louis Cook are engaged as teachers in the Boys School, and Mary Ann Barker Martha Barker and Caroline Aldriche in the girls. Samuel J Gummere having having left the Institution the instruction in the languages will be under the care of George H Rice; and it is proposed for the future instead of the terms heretofore established that five Dollars per quarter be charged for the study of the languages in addition to the ordinary price for scholars in the other branches of study

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled by which it appears that the receipts of the school from the funds and the amount paid for

Schollars have about met the expences; and the Committee unanimously propose, that the terms for board, tuition &c be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child six months free of expense be continued to each Monthly Meeting. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of each quarter be paid in advance inasmuch as inconvenience and loss have resulted from the neglect of this rule. The Committee deem it proper again to recommend to friends that in sending their Children to the School the period of time proposed three years ago may be observed as far as practicable (viz) at the time of our Yearly Meeting, and in the first weeks of the 2nd 5th 8th and 11th months

In reviewing the past year, in relation to this institution we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowledge the preservation extended to us under which the ~~above~~ School has continued to be conducted, we trust to the benefit of many of the youth of our Society

By direction and on behalf of the Committee
Arnold Congdon Clerk

Yearly Meeting Boarding School 5th mo. 8th 1835

At the Yearly Meeting aforesaid
The committee on the Subject of Education produced the following Report (viz)

"The committee on Education have taken into consideration the important subject referred to them. The Religious and guarded of our Children and youth appears to be increasingly claiming the serious concern of Friends and it is much desired that the provisions of our Discipline upon the subject of Education may be revived in Friends minds and put in practice whenever it may be practicable

The institution of Family Schools is considered by the committee a very interesting subject; and we desire that friends may be encouraged to keep alive a concern for their establishment, as way may open

We propose the following Queries for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting to be sent down to our subordinate Meetings:

1st How many Schools are there within your limits under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting and Family Schools and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the year?

2d How many Children of Friends have attended Friends Schools within the year?

Monthly Meetings are desired to answer these Queries in season for the Spring Quarterly Meetings and the Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit their answers to our next Yearly Meeting.

Which being read and considered was satisfactory to the Meeting and the Clerk was directed to forward copies of the same to our several subordinate Meetings who were requested to give the necessary attention to preparing and transmitting answers to the two Queries as proposed

The committe in the case of Elijah Allen having given considerable attention to the subject yet the meeting apprehending that further care in the case to be necessary was united in the conclusion that an addition to the committe might be usefull accordingly James Hussey Elijah Hussey & Isaac [illegible] were appointed in addition to the former committee and the case continued under their care

The womens meeting presented a Certificate of removal for Phebe & Sarah Jenkins directed to Lynn Monthly Meeting which was approved and signed by the clerk on behalf of the meeting

Having closed the business at this time conclude fina rising to meet again on the 4th 5th day of next month

Joseph E Hoag Clerk

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 26th 4 mo 1835

The representatives from the preparative meet [illegible] who are present

The time for which the clerk & assistant clerk were appointed [illegible] for one year

Tobias Meader produced at this meeting the following certificate from [illegible] with Phebe H Meader (viz) he also produced [illegible] of his parents they are left at liberty to accomplish [illegible]

To [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends
Tobias Meader requests our Certificate setting forth his clearness to proceed in marriage with Phebe H Meader a member of your meeting this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our meeting and is clear of marriage engagements [illegible]

Signed by direction and on behalf of Dover monthly meeting of friends held at Dover the [illegible]
1835 by Eli Varney assistant clk

The Committee in the case of Elijah Tilton informs that they have taken care in the case but have not had an opportunity with him they are continued

The committee appointed at the [illegible] to supply the deficiencies [illegible] report the appointment [illegible]

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[illegible] the representatives appointed to attend our last Quar[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] attended.

Farnsborough Monthly meeting returned a copy of a minute [illegible] ~~granting~~ by this meeting [illegible] [illegible] of 6th [illegible] 1827 with the following endorsement thereon (viz) To Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends Charles [illegible] having requested that his copy of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meeting [illegible] returned the clerk is directed to return it to said meeting endorsed with a copy of this minute

From the minutes of Farnsborough Monthly meeting of friends held 10th 4th mo 1835

Joseph H Cole Clerk

And this meeting being informed that he requ[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Elijah Jones & Elijah Reed are appointed to prepare one if the way is clear and produce to next meeting

Our beloved friend Joseph Hoag attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Farnsborough monthly meeting held at Monkton the [illegible] and endorsed by Farnsborough Quarterly Meeting [illegible] whose company and [illegible] labours have been satisfactory to us

Our beloved friend Huldah Hoag attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Farnsborough Monthly meeting held at Monkton the 7th of 4th Mo 1835 ~~and~~ endorsed by Farnsborough Quarterly meeting held at Monkton the 7th of 5th Mo 1835 whose company has been acceptable to us

George [illegible] presented a bill of [illegible] for building [illegible] the meeting house and taking care of the house [illegible] for the last year and [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] which was accepted. William [illegible] also presented a bill of [illegible] for taking care of the Horses at the [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible] for the [illegible] which was also accepted Jedediah Estes likewise presented a bill of one Dollar thirty five cents for mending a door to the meeting house yard [illegible] money for the several bills subscribed being the total sum of [illegible] 38 cents

[illegible]

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

12 mo 1835

At Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 24th of 12th Mo 1835

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are [illegible] & Elijah [illegible] who are present

The committee appointed to attend the marriage of Tobias [illegible] & [illegible] report that they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The committee in the case of Elijah [illegible] report that they have taken further care in the case and some of them have had an opportunity [illegible] not feel prepared to report at this time they are continued

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate for Charles Nichols produced one which was approved and signed by the Clerk on behalf of the meeting and is as follows (viz)

To Vassalborough Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Charles Nichols having removed within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate, this is to certify that he is a member of this meeting has settled his outward affairs and is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears

Signed in and on behalf of Berwick Monthly meeting held at North Berwick 12th mo 24th 1835
Joseph D Hoag Clerk

The meeting being informed through the preparative meeting that Isaac [illegible] requests a removal [illegible] for himself [illegible] Sarah and their minor son John a minor [illegible] [illegible] Joshua [illegible] Joseph [illegible] are appointed to join a committee of the womens meeting [illegible] the necessary inquiry and if the way is clear prepare one and produce to next meeting

f c pg [illegible] requests a certificate of removal addressed to [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] & William [illegible] are appointed to prepare one if on inquiry the way appears clear and produce to next meeting

The meeting being also informed that Joshua F. Tho-[illegible] requests a certificate addressed to [illegible] Monthly Meeting for himself his wife ~~and~~ Jemima R and their two minor children (viz) [illegible] John [illegible] and Beniajah Varney are appointed to join a committee of the womens meeting in making the necessary inquiry and if the way is clear prepare one and produce to next meeting

The [illegible] for which the [illegible] appointed [illegible] John [illegible] Joshua [illegible] Joseph [illegible] Nicholas [illegible] and Isaac Varney are appointed [illegible] produce to next meeting [illegible]

Having closed the business at this time we conclude adjourning to again on the [illegible] day of next Month

Joseph [illegible] Clerk

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 21st of 1st mo 1836

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are John Buffum & Isaac Varney who are present

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th received from the Preparative meeting which are directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and John D Fogg John Meader & James Varney are appointed to attend said meeting as representatives

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate for Isaac Buffum & family not having produced one are continued

The committee in the case of Elijah Allen inform that they have taken further care in the case are not prepared to report it is continued

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate for George H Buffum addressed to Vassalborough Monthly Meeting produced one which was approved and signed by the clerk on behalf of the meeting and is as follows

To Vassalborough Monthly Meeting of Friends

Geo H Buffum certified

George H Buffum having removed within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. These may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting has led an orderly life & conversation he is clear of marriage engagement amongst us as far as appears and his outward affairs are settled as such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 21st of 1st Mo 1836

Joseph E Fogg
Ann Eunice Fogg } Clks

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate for Joshua F Meader and family addressed to Farmington

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[illegible]
the meeting

To Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting of Friends
Joshua F. Austin having removed within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate for himself and Wife Lemira R. and their two minor children (viz) Ann Jane and William Henry These are to certify on their behalf, that they are [illegible] members of this meeting of orderly lives & conversation and diligent attenders of our meetings and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as such we recommend them to your Christian [illegible]

Signed on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at South Berwick 1st mo 21st 1836
Joseph E. Flagg
Ann Elmina Jones } Clerks

The womens meeting presented to this a Certificate [illegible] to Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting in favor of Hannah H. Buffum also one in favor of Phebe B. Austin removed to Dover Monthly Meeting which were approved and signed by the Clerk on behalf of the meeting

The Committee appointed to consider of and propose the names of Friends for Overseers presented the following names, which being considered were united with and appointed to that service for one year (viz) James Hussey William Hill Joseph Brackett & Jenkins Lader

Having accomplished the business at this time we conclude [illegible] to meet again at the usual time in next month
Joseph E. Flagg Clerk

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 25th of 2nd Mo 1836

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin & Cyrus Buffum who are present

A Certificate for Isaac Buffum & family was produced and signed by the Clerk on behalf of the meeting and is as follows (viz)

To Vassalborough Monthly Meeting of Friends

Isaac Buffum having removed with his family within the limits of your meeting requests a certificate for himself his wife Sarah and their son John a minor these are to certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting and frequent attenders of meetings and their outward affairs are settled so far as appears

Signed in and by direction of Berwick Mo Meeting held at North Berwick 25th of 2nd Mo 1836 Joseph E Hoag (Pro tempore Clerk)

Isaac Buffum certificate [illegible]

[illegible] The Representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly meeting inform that they attended

The committee in the case of Elijah Allen not being prepared to report at this time are again continued

The following minute was received from the Quarterly meeting held in 8th mo last (viz)

At Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th Mo 27th 1835

By an extract from the minutes of ~~the yearly meeting~~ our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that this meeting's proportion of Yearly meeting stock for the ensuing year is $93.75 Berwick monthly meeting proportion of which is twenty eight Dollars twelve cts $28.12 Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid

Ezra Meader Clerk

Having closed the business of this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joseph E Hoag

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
North Berwick 24th of 3rd Mo 1836

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Joshua Meader & John Buffum who are present

[illegible] Hayes & Lavina [illegible] appeared in this meeting and Declared their intention of taking each other in Marriage

The Committee in the case of Elijah Allen not being prepared to report are again continued

We Received at this time from the Meeting for Sufferings 50 Copys of the London General Epistle for 1835 and 50 Copys of an Epistle from that meeting to its Subordinate meetings one of each of which has been read in our to our comfort and Encouragement. they are directed to distributed amongst the members of this meeting

Having Closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again on the 3rd 5th Day of next month

Joseph E Hacy Clerk

4th Mo 1836

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
North Berwick 21st of 4th Mo 1836

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Benajah Varney & Elijah Neal who are present

The Queries were read in this meeting with the answers from the Preparative Meeting which are as follows and are directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and William Hill John Meader & Joshua Meader are appointed Representatives to attend said Meeting

The committe in the case of Elijah Allen not being prepared to report are again continued.

Ans 1st Our meetings on first days are pretty well attended but those on the middle of the week and for discipline are neglected by a number of our members the hour nearly observed most of our members are preserved from sleeping and generally clear as to other unbecoming behaviour

Ans 2nd We think there is a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst us yet there are some instances in which we fear it is not so fully maintained as ought to be des'd detraction generally guarded against but not by all. there has been some care taken to end differences when they have arisen

Ans 3rd Friends endeavour to bring up their children in plainness of speech behaviour and apparrel notwithstanding there are instances wherein their care does not appear to have the desired effect Carefull as respects pernicious books and corrupt conversation and mostly carefull to set good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families

Ans 4th Carefull in these respects except a few instances of makeing an improper use of spirituous liquors and frequentting places of publick resort

Ans 5 Clear as far as appears except an instance of placing out from amongst friends

Ans 6th Carefull except one instance of marrying out

Ans 7th Clear

Ans 8th Generally Carefull in these respects [illegible] of setling accounts

Ans 9th Carefull in these respects

Ans 10th Care has been taken in most cases to deal with offenders yet we are sensible of some delay in timely dealing Clear as to placing judgement

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The following are ~~the~~ answers to the queries of the last yearly meeting in relation to schools.

Ans 1st There has been one family school throughout

~~the year, last and one of about three months duration within the limits of this meeting~~
~~Ans 2nd Nine Children have attended family Schools~~

Peletiah Hussey & Lemuel Hussey are appointed to join a committee of the womens meeting in preparing a removal certificate for Joseph Cole and family viz Hannah his wife and their two minor Children Ann Maria & Lydia addressed to Windham monthly if the way is clear and produce it to next meeting
This meeting is informed that Ebenezer Hussey jun having removed within the limits of Salem Monthly meeting Wishes a certificate of removal addressed to that meeting Elijah Neal & William Hill are appointed to prepare one if the way appears clear and produce to next meeting
Joseph E Varney & Joshua Weaver are appointed to prepare a Certificate for Joshua Estes addressed to Salem Monthly meeting if the way is clear and produce to next meeting
The Clerks are directed to prepare and forward to the Quarterly meeting answers to the Queries of our last yearly meeting in relation to schools said answers are as follows (viz)
Ans 1st There has been one family school through the last year and one of about three months duration within the limits of this meeting
Ans 2nd Nine Children have attended family Schools
~~Th~~ James Hussey Joshua Weaver Peletiah Hussey and Benajah Varney are appointed to prepare a paper and present to the friends of this meeting for a voluntary subscription to raise ~~this meeting~~ the sum of $8,12½ cents this meetings proportion of yearly meeting stock
The Clerk was directed to pay the sum of $8,12½ cents this meetings proportion of yearly meeting stock

to the Treasurer of the Quarterly meeting
The meeting being informed that Jacob Pope Requests an adjournment of this meeting for the purpose of receiving of ~~receiving~~ an answer to ~~their~~ his proposals of marriage he not being prepared this time by reason of this meeting being held earlyer in the month than the monthly meeting to which he has applyed for a certificate it was concluded to grant his request and having considered the business of the present time being concluded the meeting is adjourned to 10 oclock on 5th day morning the 5th of next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at South Berwick by adjournment the 5th of 5th Mo 1836
Jacob Pope presented a Certificate from Lee's Monthly Meeting expressive of his right of membership and Clearness of marriage engagements which is as follows (viz) * he also produced consent of parents and nothing appearing to obstruct he is left at liberty to accomplish his marriage with Lavina M Stackpole in the order of friends & Joseph D Hoag & William Hill are appointed to attend said ~~meeting~~ marriage and see that it is conducted orderly & report to next meeting

* To Berwick Monthly Meeting
This may inform friends that Jacob Pope is a member of this Meeting and clear of Marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears we know.
Signed by direction of Lee's Monthly Meeting held at Winthrop 22nd of 4th Mo 1836
By William Farr Clerk

This may certify that we have given our consent for our son Jacob Pope to keep company and marry with Lavina M Stackpole

John Pope
4th mo 30th 1836 Lydia Pope

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Joseph Hagg Clerk

1836

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 26th of 5th mo 1836

The Representatives from the Preparative meeting are Cyrus Buffum & Amos Varney who were present

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

Most of the committee in the case of Elijah Allen made the following report (viz)

To the Monthly Meeting

We your committee have at different times visited and Conferred with Elijah Allen on the subject of complaint against him But do not find him disposed to condemn his conduct so fully as we think the nature of the case requires

The same is submitted

James Hussey
Abatiah Hussey Committee
Isaac Varney

which was satisfactory to the meeting and after a time of consideration with the concurrence of the womens meeting he is disowned from membership with us Amos Varney is appointed to inform him thereof

The committee to prepare a Certificate for Joseph Cole & family in conjunction with a committee of the womens meeting produced the following which was read approved and signed by the Clerk in behalf of the meeting and by direction thereof (viz)

To Windham Monthly Meeting of friends
Joseph Cole having removed within your limits with his wife Hannah and their two minor Children (viz) Ann-Maria & Lydia This may certify in their behalf that they are members of this meeting and their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears
As such we recommend them to your care
Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Mo meeting of friends held at North Berwick 26th of the 5th Mo 1836

Joseph D Hoag
By Ann C Long } Clerks.

The committee to prepare a Certificate for Ebenezer Hussey jun [illegible] addressed to Salem Monthly Meeting produced one which was read approved and by order of the meeting signed by the Clerk on its behalf and is as follows (viz)

To Salem Mo Meeting of friends
Ebenezer Hussey jun has removed within the limits of your meeting and requests our certificate this may certify that he is a member of this meeting his outward affairs are settled and he is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears
Sign'd in and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 5th Mo 26 1836

Joseph D Hoag
By Ann C Long } Clks

The committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Joshua Estes addressed to Salem Monthly Meeting report that the way is not clear for him to have one at present the case is continued under the care of the committee

The committee appointed to open subscriptions for raising money for our proportion of Yearly meeting Stock report that they have attended to the appointment and obtained subscription to the amount being $29.12½

The committee appointed to attend the marriage of Isaac Pope & Louisa M Stockdale inform that they attended to the appointment and it was conducted orderly

This meeting is informed that Mark Allen requests a removal Certificate for himself & Wife Mercy addressed to Salem Monthly Meeting John Meader & Jacob Tawney are appointed to join a committee of the Womens meeting in preparing one if the way is clear and produce to next meeting

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

[illegible] 9 1823

At a [illegible] Monthly Meeting of [illegible] held at [illegible] the 29th of [illegible] 1823.

The representatives from the preparative meeting [illegible] called and are present

The friend appointed to inform Elijah Allen of the decision of this meeting in his case reports the appointment answered

The committee in the case of Joshua Estes inform that the way is not yet clear for him to have a Certificate they are continued to the care of the subject

The committee appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal for Mark Allen & Wife addressed to Salem Monthly Meeting produced one which was approved and signed by [illegible] the meeting [illegible] as follows viz

To Salem Monthly Meeting of friends
Mark Allen having removed with his wife (Lerena)
within the limits of your Meeting requests our Certificate
this may certify that they are members of this meeting
and their outward affairs settled ~~to sat~~ as far as appears
as such we recommend them to your care and oversight

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick
Monthly meeting of friends held in North Berwick
6th Mo 23d 1836   By Joseph D Hoag
Ann C Lang Clerks

The womens Meeting produced to this a certificate of
removal from Vassalborough Monthly Meeting in favour
of Huldah Estes which is accepted

Having Closed the Business at this time we concluded
proposeing to meet again at the usual time in next month
Joseph D Hoag Clk

7th Mo 1836

At Berwick Monthly meeting of friends held at
North Berwick the 28th of 7th Mo 1836

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting
are Richard Eastman & George [illegible] who are
present

The committee in the case of Joshua Estes inform
the way is not yet clear for him to have a certificate
they are continued to the care of the subject and directed
to report when they may think proper

Our esteemed friend Samuel Rhoades attended
this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from
Darby Monthly Meeting (Pennsylvania) held the 16th of 6th
Mo 1836 and Endorsed by Concord Quarterly Meeting
held 6th Mo 17th 1836 whose company and gospel
labours have been acceptable to us the Clerk was
directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

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and sign it on behalf of this Meeting

The following communication was received from Dover Monthly Meeting (viz) To Berwick monthly Meeting of friends The way of Dover Preparative Meeting a complaint is received agst Isaiah Buffum a member with us which is as follows (viz) We have been informed that Isaiah Buffum a member of our Monthly Meeting has been married out of the order of friends to a woman not a member with us has neglected the attendance of our religious meetings & departed from the simplicity truth lead into in dress and Address. We submit the same to the preparative Meeting of friends to be held at Dover 6 mo 15th 1836

Joseph Tuttle }
Dover 6th Mo 14 1836 Jabez Evans } Overseers

Being informed that the aforesaid Isaiah Buffum now resides within the limits of Berwick monthly meeting it is concluded to request that monthly meeting to labor with him on our account & return their opinion of his case to this meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with an Extract of this minute Extracted from the minutes of Dover monthly Meeting of friends held at Dover 6th mo 23d 1836

Joseph Tuttle Clerk

Agreeable to the request of that meeting Isaac Varney and [illegible] Buffum are appointed to visit Isaiah Buffum on the complaint against him as set forth in the foregoing communication ~~from~~ and report thereon to next meeting

Our Esteemed friend Jane H Rowe attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from China Mo Meeting held 17th of 8th Mo 1836 whose Company and gospel labors are acceptable to us

The following Complaint against John Walker was received through the Preparative Meeting (viz)

To the Monthly Meeting

John Walker a member of our Society has for a considerable time been in the practice of attending places of publick resort and of making an improper use of Spirituous Liquors of late he has almost wholly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings he has been laboured with on the account of the above but without the desired effect

North Berwick 7th mo 21st 1836 James ~~[illegible]~~ Hussey
Joshua Meader
William Hill
Joseph Brackett
Overseers

Also Joseph Meader & Benajah Varney are appointed to visit him on the account and report thereon to next meeting

Having closed the Business at this time we conclude Endeavouring to meet again on the 3d 4th day in next month
Joseph D Hoag clk

8th Mo 1836

At Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 18th of 8th Mo 1836

The Representatives from the Preparative meeting are Elijah [illegible] & James Hussey who are present

The committee appointed to visit Josiah Buffum on the complaint against him inform that they have given attention to the subject but are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee appointed to visit John Walker on the complaint against him inform that they have attended to the appointment but are not prepared to report at this time they are continued

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2d & 3d which are directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and Joseph Meader John Buffum and Ebenezer Hussey are appointed representatives thereto

Our Esteemed friend John Meader opened in this meeting a concern which for a length of time has attended his mind of attending the approaching next yearly Meeting of friends in Ohio and appoint some meetings within the limits of that meeting and if way opened to appoint some meetings on the way returning after a time of consideration the meeting united with him in the prospect and he is left at liberty to pursue it as truth may direct the substance of the above was contained in a Certificate granted him by the meeting and signed by Clerk on behalf thereof

Having Closed the Business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joseph D. Hoag Clk

9th Mo 1836

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 22nd of 9th Mo 1836

The Representatives from the preparative meeting were Stephen Nichols & William [illegible] Jr who were present
The committee in the case of Isaiah Buffum made the following Report (viz)

To the Monthly Meeting

Pursuant to appointment we have visited Isaiah Buffum and conferred with him on the subject of [illegible] against him and notwithstanding he expresses a [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Complaint to be ~~[illegible]~~ we think there is not any prospect of his making Friends Satisfaction [illegible] as at present the same [illegible]

[illegible] 9th Mo 22nd 1836

John Buffum
[illegible]

which was acceptable to the meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward to Caven Monthly Meeting a copy thereof with the necessary information

The committee in the case of John Walker made the following report viz

To the Monthly Meeting to be held the 22nd inst
we your committee have visited John Walker agreeable to appointment and do not find him in a situation to make friends satisfaction

Joseph Meader
Benajah Varney

Which was satisfactory ~~of the~~ and accepted by meeting and after a time of consideration with the concurrence of the womens meeting we disown him from membership with us and Benajah Varney is appointed to inform him thereof

Also of the Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended

The Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read at this time together with the report of the committee of the Yearly Meeting on Education which were acceptable to the meeting

John D. Long Elijah Seal & Joshua Meader are appointed to take the necessary care in relation to Schollars going from this meeting to the yearly meeting boarding school

Having closed the Business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again on the 26th day of next month

Josiah L. Hoag Clerk

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10 mo 1836

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at South Berwick 20th of 10 mo 1836

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Benjamin Varney & Daniel Page who were present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers received from the preparative meeting to the 1st 2nd & 11th which are directed to the ensuing Quarterly meeting & we appoint Joseph Hussey Daniel Page & John Meader representatives thereto

The Friend appointed to inform John Walker of the decision of this meeting in his case reports the appointment answered

John Meader returned the certificate granted him by this meeting in 5th mo last with information that he had attended to the prospect to the satisfaction of his own mind he also produced the following minute from Ohio yearly meeting of Ministers & Elders

The Ministers & Elders of a minute of our last yearly meeting ~~upon~~ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] upon the subject of [illegible] was received and which was read at this time which is to our satisfaction

Having closed the business at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time in next mo

[illegible] Clerk

11th Mo

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 24th of 11th Mo 1836
The representatives from the Preparative meeting are Jonathan Buffum & Joseph Meader who are present

The time for which the Clerk & assistant clerk were appointed having expired Josiah D Hoag was appointed Clerk for the day and Pelatiah Hussey assistant
The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting report that they attended
The following complaint was received through the Preparative meeting against Nathaniel Whittier jur (viz)

To Berwick Preparative Meeting
Nathaniel Whittier jur a member of our society has for a length of time almost wholly neglected the attendance of our meetings and departed from plainness and has married with a woman not a member of our society which we submit to the Preparative meeting

[illegible] Hussey }
William Hill } Overseers

John Buffum & John D Lang were appointed to visit and labour with him ~~thereon and~~ as they see occasion and report thereon at next meeting
Our esteemed friend John Meader opened in this meeting a prospect which for a length of time had attended his mind to pay a religious visit to most of the meetings of Friends within the limits of Rhode Island Smithfield Sandwich & Salem Quarterly meetings and to appoint some meetings as way should open amongst those not of our society the subject claimed the after a time of consideration the meeting united with him in the prospect and left him at liberty to pursue it as truth may open the way he being a member & minister in unity with us the substance of the above minute

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embodied in a certificate granted him by this meeting and signed by the Clerk on behalf thereof

Our Esteemed friend Elizabeth Meader opened in this meeting a prospect which for a length of time had attended her mind to pay a religious visit to most of the meetings of friends within the limits of Rhode Island Smithfield Sandwich & Salem Quarterly meetings and to appoint some meetings among those not of our society as way should open (in company with her husband) after a time of consideration the meeting unites with the prospect and left her at liberty to pursue it as truth may open the way she being a member & minister in unity with us the substance of the above was embodied in a certificate granted her by this meeting and signed by the Clerk on behalf thereof

Cyrus Buffum & Isaac Jenney were appointed to have the care of the meeting house and grounds belonging thereto and of building fires in the house the ensuing year

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joseph P. Hoag Clerk

12th MO

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 24th of 12th Mo 1836

The Representatives from the Preparative meeting were Joseph Brackett & Elijah Nichols who were present

The time for which the Clerk & assistant Clerk were appointed having expired Joseph P Hoag was appointed Clerk & Stephen Nichols assistant Clerk for one year

The Committee to visit Nathaniel H Kelley for [illegible] report that they are not ready to report and [illegible]

Having Closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again on the third fifth day of next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

1 mo 1837

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 19th of 1st Mo 1837

The Representatives from the Preparative meeting are James Hussey & William Hill who are present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th received from the Preparative meeting which are directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and Benajah Varney James Hussey & John D Lang are appointed to attend said meeting as representatives

The appointed to visit Nathaniel Whittier inform that they are not ready to report and are continued

The time having expired for which the Overseers were appointed John D Lang James Hussey Joseph Meader John Buffum Ephraim Morrell & Nicholas Estes are appointed to consider of & propose to next meeting the names of suitable friends for that service the ensuing year

Our Esteemed friend Edmund Gove attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Seabrook Monthly Meeting of friends held at Epping 1st Mo 5th 1837 whose Company and Religious services are satisfactory to us

Our Esteemed friend Elizabeth Gove also attended this meeting in company with her husband with a minute of concurrence from Seabrook monthly Meeting held at Epping 5th of 1st mo 1837 whose company and religious ~~s~~ services are satisfactory to us

118 Having closed the Business at this time we concluded purposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

2nd Mo 1837

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 23d of 2nd Mo 1837

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Richard Eastman & Joseph Meader who are present

William Jepson jun & Mary Fry appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage Whereupon Elijah Varney & Samuel Page are appointed to inquire into the man friends clearness to proceed therein and report to next meeting

The Representatives to our last ~~monthly~~ quarterly Meeting report that they attended

The committee to visit Nathaniel Whittier jun inform that they have attended to the case but are not ready to report they are continued

The committee appointed to propose the names of friends for Overseers proposed the following (viz)

Ammora Varney John Buffum Jesse Varney and William Hill with whom this meeting unites and with the addition of James Hussey they are appointed to that service for one year

An Extract from the minutes of the Quarterly meeting of 8th month last is received at this time and is as follows (viz)

At Dover Quarterly Meeting held at North Berwick 8th Mo 25th 1836

By an extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting it appears that this meetings proportion of Yearly Meeting stock is $113,75 which is directed to be apportioned to our several Monthly Meetings Berwick Monthly Meetings proportion is 13.12 from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid Lyno Meader Clerk

This meeting is informed through the Preparative meeting that Edward Evans requests a few lines from this to Dover Monthly Meeting Certifying his clearness to proceed in marriage with Patience Green Elijah Neal & Joseph D Hoag are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if the way is clear prepare a few lines for that purpose and produce to next meeting ~~with~~

Having closed the Business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

3d Mo

At Berwick Monthly Meeting held at North Berwick 23d of 3d Mo 1837

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting Moses Varney & Ephraim Hornell who are present

The committee appointed to inquire into William Lipson jun clearness to proceed in marriage with Mary Fry report that they do not find any thing to hinder his proceeding he producing consent of parents they are accordingly left at liberty to accomplish their marriage in the order of Friends and Joseph D Hoag & Cyrus Buffum are appointed to attend said marriage to see that it is conducted orderly and report

The committee in the case of Nathaniel [illegible] jun inform that they are not ready to report and are continued

The committee appointed to prepare a Certificate to Dover Monthly Meeting in favor of Edward Evans if the way appeared clear report that they had attended to the appointment and produced the following Certificate which was approved and signed by the Clerk in behalf of the meeting (viz)

To Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends

Edward Evans having requested our certificate to your Meeting setting forth his clearness to proceed in marriage with Patience Green a member of that meeting these are to Certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and is clear of marriage engagements amongst us

Signed in and by direction of Berwick Monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 23d of 3d Mo 1837

Joseph D Hoag
By Ann C Long } Clerks

John & Elisabeth Meader returned the Certificate granted them in 11th Mo last accompanyed with a returning minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting held 22d of 2d Mo 1837 and one from New Bedford Mo meeting held 23 of 2d Mo 1837 expressive of their company and gospel labors being satisfactory to them

The womens meeting presented to this a certificate of removal addressed to Vassalborough Monthly Meeting in favor of Dorcas Nichols and one addressed to Leeds Monthly Meeting in favor of Lavina Tupper both of which were approved and signed by the clerk on behalf of the meeting

The time having expired for which the overseers of the poor were appointed Isaac Varney William Hill Joseph Meader Elijah Neal Cyrus Buffum & Ephraim Morrell are appointed to that service for one year

The meeting is informed through the preparative meeting that [illegible] Hussey requests a Certificate of from this to Dover Monthly Meeting setting forth his clearness to proceed in marriage with [illegible] a member of that meeting Isaac Varney & William Hill are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if the way is clear prepare one and produce to next meeting. The subject of the appointment of a Treasurer having been introduced at this time it was referred to next meeting

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the ~~usual~~ on the 3d fifth Day of next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

4th Mo 1837

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th Mo 20th 1837

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Benajah Varney & Joseph Brackett who are present

The Queries were read in this with corresponding answers from the Preparative Meeting which are as follows and are directed to the ensuing Quarterly meeting (viz) and Joshua Meader John D Lang & Joseph D Hoag are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting with the Business from this as Representatives

Valentine Meader & Mercy Hussey in appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage Isaac Varney & Cyrus Buffum are appointed to inquire into the man friends clearness to proceed therein and report to next meeting

The committe appointed to attend the marriage of William Jepson jun & Mary Fry reported that they attended agreeable to appointment and that it was conducted orderly

The committe in the case of Nathaniel Whittier jun not being ready to report are continued

The committe appointed to prepare a Certificate for Relatiah Hussey to Dover Monthly Meeting produced the following which was approved & signed by the Clerk on behalf of the (viz)

At Dover Monthly Meeting

Relatiah Hussey being about to proceed in marriage with Peace [illegible] Varney a member of your meeting requests our Certificate this is to certify that he is a member of this meeting and is clear of Marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears

Signed on behalf and by order of Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 20th of 4th Mo 1837

Joseph D Hoag } Clerks
John D Lang }

Treasurer [illegible]

The subject of appointing a Treasurer referred from last meeting being resumed Walter Meader is appointed to that service for one year and Joshua Meader Joshua Jenkins Joseph Haskell John Buffum Stephen Jenkins and Thomas Varney are appointed to consider of and propose to next meeting a sum that they may think necessary to raise for the use of this meeting for the ~~next~~ ensuing six months

This meeting is informed through the preparative meeting that John Meader requests a removal Certificate for himself his wife & their minor son John Joseph directed to Amawalk Monthly Meeting John Buffum & Isaac Varney are appointed to join a committee of the womens meeting in preparing one if the way is clear and produce to next meeting

A complaint was received from the Overseers through the preparative meeting against Mark Jepson for neglecting the attendance of our religious meetings going out of plainness in dress and frequently making use of ardent spirits to excess Isaiah Fry & Thomas Varney are appointed to visit him on the account and report thereon to next meeting

The womens meeting informed that it had disowned Mary Kelly with which this meeting unites

Our proportion of yearly meeting stock in amount $15,12 being subscribed at this time the Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly meeting

Answers to the Queries

Ans 1st All of our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been ~~attended~~ kept up with the exception of one small meeting that has not been attended at times on the middle of the week the hour generally observed a few instances of sleeping generally clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met

Ans 2d Love and unity is maintained by most friends but we fear it is wanting in some instances detraction not guarded against by all we know of no differences

Ans 3d Most friends are carefull to bring up those under their direction in plainness & to restrain them from reading pernicious Books & corrupt conversation and generally have a care to be good examples themselves we believe that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families

Ans 4th Carefull as to improper use of Spirituous Liquors & attending places of publick resort except a few instances & some care taken moderation & temperance observed as queried after

Ans 5th Generally carefull in the several particulars of this querie

Ans 6th We fear some friends are not so carefull in this respect as would be best

Ans 7th Our testimonies are maintained in these respects as far as appears

Ans 8th We believe there is a great deficiency amongst us in timely setting accounts mostly carefull in the other parts of this querie

Ans 9th Generally carefull as to removals & certificates

Ans 10 Care has been taken to deal with offenders in some measure as queried yet we have some cases where care is much needed we believe judgment has been placed according to Discipline

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

5th Mo 1834

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 25th of 5th Mo 1834

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Hiram Buffum & Isaiah Fry who are present

Agreeable to information received from the preparative meeting Henry H Varney & Ruth B Buffum appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of takeing each other in marriage

The Committee to inquire into Valentine Meaders clearness to proceed in marriage with Mary Hussey in report that nothing appears to hinder and he having consent of parents they are left to accomplish their marriage in the order of friends and Isaac Varney & William Hill are appointed to attend the marriage to see if it is conducted orderly and report

The Committee in the case of Catharine Whitten not being ready to report are again continued

The Committee to propose a line to supply the Treasury not being ready to report are continued

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for John Meader & family not having produced one are continued

The Representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting report they attended

The committee to visit Mark Pepson on the complaint against made the following report (viz)

To the Monthly Meeting to be held the 25th instant
Agreeable to appointment we have visited Mark Pepson but did not find him in a suitable capacity to give Friends satisfaction which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Amasa Varney } Committee
Isaiah Fry

No Berwick 5th Mo 25th 1834

which is acceptable to the meeting [illegible] it nation he is ~~the~~ accordingly disowned from membership with us with which the womens meeting unites and James Hussey jun is appointed to inform him thereof and report to next meeting

A returning minute from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in favour of John & Elizabeth Meader is received at this time and is as follows (viz)

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 2nd of 2nd mo 1837

Our Esteemed Friends John & Elizabeth Meader attended this Meeting with satisfactory minutes from Berwick Monthly Meeting held 11th mo 24th as expression of of their unity with ~~their~~ ministry and present religious engagements their company & service have been acceptable to us

This meeting is informed that Enos H Dial requests Certificate of removal to Middleton Monthly Meeting Ohio Joshua Meader & William [illegible] are appointed to prepare one if the way is clear and produce to next meeting

Having closed the Business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joseph [illegible] Hoag Clerk

6th Mo 1837

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 22nd of 6th Mo 1837 -

The Representatives from the Preparative are John Buffum & Nicholas Estes who are present

Henry W Varney presented ~~a~~ the following Certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting setting forth his clearness to proceed in Marriage with Ruth B Buffum he also produced consent of ~~Marriage~~ Parents and nothing appearing to obstruct they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage in the order of Friends and Cyrus Buffum & Joseph D Hoag are appointed to attend the marriage to see that it is conducted orderly and report

The committee appointed to attend the marriage of Valentine Meader & Mercy Hussey jun inform that they attended and it was conducted orderly

The committee in the case of Nathaniel Whittier jun not being ready to report are again continued

The committee to propose a sum to supply the treasury not being ready to report are continued

The committee to prepare a Certificate for John Meader & family inform that they have taken care in the case but are not ready to report and manifesting a wish for an addition to their number James Hussey William Hill Daniel Page & Joseph Brackett were added to the committee

The friends appointed to inform Mark Jepson of the decision of this meeting in his case reported by a friend the appointment answered

The committee to prepare a removal Certificate for Enos H. Neal produced the following which was read approved and signed by the clerk on behalf of the meeting and is as follows (viz) To Middleton Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of Ohio

Dear Friends Enos H. Neal having removed and settled at New Brighton Pa within the limits of your meeting has requested ~~an~~ our Certificate this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears as such we recommend him to your Christian regard and are your friends

Enos H. Neal [illegible]

Signed on behalf and by direction of Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick in the State of Maine the 22nd of 6th mo 1839

By Joseph D Hoag } Clerks

A returning minute in favor of John & Elisabeth Meader was received at this time (viz)

Our esteemed friends John & Elisabeth Meader who attended our last Quarterly Meeting have since attended a number of meetings within our limits in which their company & religious engagements have been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to furnish Berwick Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute

Extracted from the minutes of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Southbridge 11th of 5th Mo 1837

John Osborn }
Lydia D Capron } Clerks

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

By request of Henry H Varney we hereby certify that he is a member of this Meeting and as far as appears is clear of marriage engagements amongst us

Signed on behalf of Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 Mo 15th 1837

By Ezra Meader Clerk

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

7th Mo 1837

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at South Berwick 27th of 7th Mo 1837

The Representatives from the Preparative meeting Isaac Varney & Benajah Varney who were present

The Committee appointed to attend the marriage of Henry H Varney and Ruth B Buffum report that they attended and it was conducted orderly

The committee in the case of Nathaniel Whittier jun made the following report (viz)

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According to appointment we have visited Thomas Wilson in on the subject of complaint against him he expressed a wish of remaining a member but after some time waiting upon him for further evidence we have not seen any thing ~~for further evidence we have~~ to satisfy us that usefulness would arise in retaining him as a member with us which we submit

John D Lang
John Hussey

After a time of consideration he is disowned from membership with us with which the womens meeting unite and the committee are continued to inform him thereof and report accordingly

The Committee appointed to propose a sum to supply the Treasury reported the sum of One Hundred Dollars which was accepted by the meeting and the overseers of the poor are directed to apportion it among the members of this meeting and endeavour to collect it and pay it to the Treasurer & report to next meeting

The Committee to prepare a Certificate for John Meader & family produced the following which was read and signed by the Clerk on behalf of the meeting (Viz) ~~To Provi~~

~~To~~ Providence Monthly Meeting

John and Elisabeth having removed within the limits of your Meeting requests our Certificate for them selves and minor son John Joseph

This may certify that they are members of this meeting the said John & Elisabeth are ministers in unity and their outward affairs are all settled so far as appears as such we recommend them to your care and oversight. Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 17th of 7th mo 1837

By Joseph D Hoag }
Ann E Lang } Clerks

The following Complaint is recid from the overseers through the Preparative Meeting against James G. Jenkins (viz)

To the Preparative Meeting

James G Jenkins has for some time neglected the attendance of our Religious meeting and in disipline has gone out in dress & address has joined to and attended a dancing School also Married out of the order of Society to a woman not of our Society

North Berwick 7th Mo 20th 1837 William Hill }
Isaac Varney } Overseers

Joshua Meader & John Buffum are appointed to visit him on the account and report thereon to next meeting

A Complaint is also recived from the Overseers through the Preparative Meeting against Joshua Estes which is as follows (viz)

To the Preparative Meeting

Joshua Estes has for some time wholly ~~[illegible]~~ neglected the attendance of our religious meetings gone out in dress and address has also married out of the order of Society to a woman not a member of our Society the same is submitted

Isaac Varney }
William Hill } Overseers

Joseph Brackett and Andrew Austin are appointed to visit him on the account and report thereon to next meeting

See first part of the Book

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been recived and read together with the report of the Boarding School Committee which are satisfactory

Our Esteemed friend William Hamond attended this meeting with a Certificate of concurance with unity in his present religious engagements from Sommerset Monthly Meeting of friends in Belmont Co Ohio held 28th of 2nd mo 1837 and endorsed by ~~[illegible]~~ Stillwater Quarterly Meeting held 1st of 3rd mo allowing whose company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Also our esteemed friend Thomas Hall companion to William Hammond attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Short Creek Monthly Meeting (Ohio) held 21st of 3rd mo 1837 whose company has been acceptable to us

John Neal a minor & member of this meeting having resided for some time within the limits of Sea[illegible]r Monthly Isaac Varney & Benajah Varney are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if the way is clear prepare a certificate ~~one~~ and produce to next meeting

Joseph D Hoag informed this meeting that he is about to remove to settle within the limits of Middleton Monthly Meeting Ohio and requests a removal certificate for himself and wife and their minor son Joseph Jonathan addressed to that meeting William Hill & John D Long are appointed to join a Committee of the womens meeting in making the necessary inquiry and if the way is clear prepare one and produce to next meeting

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again on the 3rd sixth Day of next month

Joseph D Hoag Clerk

8 mo

At Berwick monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 8 mo 17th 1837

The representatives from the preparative meeting are James Hussey + Andrew Austin James Hussey being present and a satisfactory reason assigned for the absence of Andrew Austin

J D Lang appointed Clerk

The former Clerk having removed John D Lang is appointed to that service for the year ensuing

The queries have been read and the following answers prepared to the 1st 2nd and 10 queries and are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting to be held the 24th inst and we appoint representatives thereto Joshua Meader John D Lang Nicholas Estes + Joseph Bracket.

The committee in the case of James G Jenkins not being ready to report are continued.

The committee on John Neals certificate are continued

Joshua Estes disowned

The committee in Joshua Estes case made the following report viz which after a time of consideration is accepted and he disowned from membership with us the womens meeting uniting therewith Joseph Bracket is appointed to inform him of the decision of this meeting in his case & report

The Committee appoint to inform Matthew [illegible] are continued

Isaac Varney & Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to provide hay for the horses at next Quarterly meeting repair the glass &c of the meeting house & present their bill

Committee in Case of Poor Children

Joshua Meader & James Hussey are appointed to take the necessary care respecting Poor Children to be sent to our boarding School at Providence on account of the donation of our late friend Moses Brown

The Committee appointed to prepare a certificate on Joseph D Hoag + family presented the following which being approved is directed to be signed by the Clerk

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to Middleton Monthly Meeting state of Ohio

Joseph D Hoags Certificate of removal

Joseph D Hoag being about to remove within the limits of [illegible] Brighton &c your meeting requests our Certificate for himself & wife Dorcas J & their son Joseph [illegible] a minor these are to Certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting of ~~[illegible]~~ in unity with friends & Joseph D is a minister in unity with us they have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction so far as appears as such we recommend them to your Christian care & oversight on behalf of Berwick monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 8 mo 17 1837

John D Lang } Clerks
Ann Elvina Lang }

The business being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

John. D. Lang

9 mo

To the monthly Meeting
Report in Samuel G. Jenkins Case
According to appointment [illegible]
[illegible] North Berwick 9 mo 28 1837 [illegible]

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick held 9 mo 28 1837 the Representatives from the preparative meeting are Amasa Varney & Isaac Varney who are present Joshua Meader appointed Clerk for the time

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting report they all attended

The committee in ~~the~~ Samuel G. Jenkins case made the following report which is accepted and after a time of consideration this meeting disowns him from membership with us the womens meeting uniting therewith and Isaac Allen is appointed to inform him thereof & report to next meeting

The committee to inform Nathaniel Whitten are continued

Joseph Brackett is continued to inform Joshua M Estes of the decision of this meeting in his case

The committee ~~in case~~ of respecting ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] children are continued

The committee on John Neals certificate are continued

Having no further business this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

10mo Berwick monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 10mo 19th 1837

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joseph Varney & John Buffum who are present

The queries have been read and answers prepared to the first second & tenth which are to be forwarded to our Quarterly meeting to be held at Sandwich the 25 inst & we appoint James Hussey Cyrus Buffum & Joseph Bracket as representatives thereto

Asa Allen is continued to inform James G Jenkins the decision of this meeting in his case, the Committee to inform Nathl C Winter are continued

Joseph Bracket is continued to inform Joshua Estes the decision of this meeting in his case

The Committee appointed to ascertain the number of poor Children according to minute of our last Yearly meeting on account of the donation of our late friend Moses Brown made the following Report viz

There are in Berwick Monthly meeting seven Children who are actually poor viz Children

of John Walker deceased	Lydia H	age	14 years
	Sarah	..	12
	Nathl	"	7
	John Edward	"	3
Children of George Nichols	Joshua about	..	6
	Comfort		3
	Sarah		1

The committee to prepare a certificate for John Neal are continued

recd.. The following complaint from the preparative meeting against Horatio S. Morrill viz

Complaint against Horatio S. Morrell

To the Preparative Meeting

Horatio S. Morrell hath for a number of years almost wholly neglected the attendance of our Religious Meetings and for sometime gone out in dress and address also Married out of the order of Friends to a woman not a member of our Society

North Berwick 10th Mo 12th 1837

Isaac Varney
Wm Hill Overseers

Joseph Bracket and Nicholas Estes are appointed to visit him thereon and report to next meeting

Joshua Meader is appointed to finish the business of this meeting

Our Esteemed Friend John D Lang opened in this meeting a prospect which hath for some time attended his mind of performing a religious visit to friends and others within the limits of Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly meetings which after a time of consideration was fully united with and he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as best wisdom may direct being a member and minister in unity with us the Clerk is directed furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Extracted from the minutes of Berwick monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 19th 10 Mo 1837

Having no further business we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time in next month

Joshua Meader Clerk
for the time

11mo Berwick monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 11mo 23d 1837

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Andrew Austin and James Buffum who are present

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting inform they all attended

The friend appointed to inform James G. Jenkins the decision of this meeting in his case reports he is informed

The committee to inform Seth Whittier the decision of this meeting in his case informs the service has been attended too

Joseph Bracket is again continued to inform Joshua M. Estes the decision of this meeting in his case

The committee appointed to forward the necessary information to our boarding school committee respecting poor children inform it has been attended to

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate for John Neal presented the following viz which being approved is directed to be signed by the clerk and forwarded

To Oak Brook Monthly meeting of friends

John Neal's Certificate

John Neal a minor having resided some time within the limits of your meeting this meeting thought best to forward him a removal certificate

This may certify that he is a member of this meeting as such we recommend him to your care and oversight By direction and behalf of Berwick Mo Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 23d of 11mo 1887 —

134 The committee appointed to visit Horatio S. Morell are continued

This Meeting is informed through the preparative meeting that Valentine Meader requests a removal certificate for himself & wife, may it addressed to Salem monthly meeting. Isaac Varney & Cyrus Buffum are appointed to join ~~women~~ a committee of women friends [illegible] to have them prepare one and present the next meeting

This meeting is informed through the preparative meeting that Thaddeus Morell requests a removal certificate for his son Daniel J. a minor addressed to the south district monthly meeting Philadelphia. Elijah Neal and [illegible] are appointed if no objection appears to prepare one and present to next meeting

The following minute respecting our yearly meeting stock was recd from the Quarterly meeting

Yearly meeting stock $22.50 It appears by an extract from our last yearly meeting this meetings proportion of yearly meeting stock for the year ensuing is seventy five Dollars of which Berwick Monthly meetings proportion is twenty two Dollars & fifty cents

From the minutes of Dover Quarterly meeting held at South Berwick 8 mo 24th 1857

John Brown Clerk

Joshua Meader minute to accompany [illegible] Our esteemed friend Joshua Meader informed this meeting that he has a prospect of accompanying our friend [illegible] in his religious visit within the limits of Sandwich & Rhode Island Quarterly meeting which after a time of consideration was united with he being a member and Elder in unity with us. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, Having closed the business we conclude to adjourn to meet again next month at the usual

12th mo

At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 28th 1837

The representatives from the preparative meetings are Nicholas Estes & Ambrose Austin who are present

The friend appointed to inform Joshua M Estes the decision of this meeting in his case report the service is performed

The Committee to visit Horatio S. Monell are continued

The Committee to prepare a removal Certificate for Valentine & his wife to Salem Mo presented the following which after being approved was directed to be signed by the Clerk

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate for Daniel S. Monell presented the following which after being approved was directed to be signed by the Clerk

Committee to take care of fires &c appd

Jedediah [illegible] & Albert G. Hussey are appointed to take the necessary care of the stoves fires in meeting house the ensuing year

Having closed the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month
Stephen Nichols Assistant Clerk

Certificate for Valentine Meader & wife to Salem Mo Mtg

To Salem Mo Meeting

Valentine Meader having removed within the limits of your Meeting requested our Certificate for himself & wife Mercy &c. This may certify that they are members of this Meeting of orderly lives and conversation, constant attenders of meetings while with us and their outward affairs settled to satisfaction so far as appears. As such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight

on behalf
from the Women's of Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends

12 mo 28 1837
[illegible] Clerk

Certificate for Daniel S Morrell 136

To South District Monthly meeting of Friends Philadelphia

Daniel S. Morrell a minor son of Theodorus Morrell having removed within the limits of [illegible] meeting [illegible] requesting a certificate [illegible] he is a member of this Meeting. As such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight. Signed by direction, and on behalf of Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12 Mo 28 1837

[illegible] Long } Clerks
Ann E Long

1st Mo 11

At Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1 Mo 11th 1838. The representatives from the Preparative Meeting Elijah Jenkins and [illegible] [illegible] were present

The queries being read answers to the 1st 2nd and tenth for the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Rochester the 25th inst and we appoint Amasa Cornell, John Hudgeon & Joseph Billings representatives thereto

The committee to visit Horatio S Morrell not being ready to report are continued

We are informed ~~through~~ the preparative meeting that Elijah Jenkins made the following request to be read & be reinstated into membership viz

To Berwick monthly meeting of Friends

Dear friends

As I have for a considerable length of time been desirous of being reinstated to membership therefore request your care there [illegible] 1st mo 11th 183 Elijah Jenkins [illegible] Buffum Joshua Meader and [illegible] are appointed to visit him on the subject of his request and report

J. D. Lang's certificate returned

John D. Lang having returned his certificate granted in the 10th mo last informs that he was favored to accomplish his visit to the relief of his own mind and produced the following minutes, which are acceptable and are as follows

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Returning minute from Swansey mo. mtg

Our Esteemed friend John D Lang with a minute of concurrence from Berwick Monthly Meeting expressive of his being a minister in unity with them is with us at this time and his company and services have been acceptable to us

Extracted from the minutes of Swansey monthly meeting of friends held at Fall River 9th mo 25 1837

Thomas Wilbur Clerk

from Westport

John D Lang having attended this meeting with certificate from Berwick monthly meeting and his company being religious labours being acceptable to us the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

Extracted from the minutes of our monthly meeting of friends held at Westport the 21st of 11th mo 1837

John Macomber
Clerk

from Dartmouth Mo. Mtg

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick

Dear friends Our esteemed friend John D Lang attended this meeting producing a satisfactory certificate from you his company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us

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Extracted from the minutes of [illegible] by direction of [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends held [illegible] 12 mo [illegible]

By [illegible] R Gifford Clerk

Returning minute New Bedford Mo Meet Our esteemed friend John D Lang attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from the monthly Meeting of Berwick in which his company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable and the clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

From the minutes of New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 12 mo 28th 1837 Wm C Taber Clerk

The business being accomplished the meeting concluded purposing to meet at the usual time next month

John D Lang Clerk

2 mo Mo Mt At Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible] Berwick 22nd [illegible] 1838

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joseph Breckett and Daniel Page who were present except Daniel Page

The Clerk not being present Pelatiah Hussey is appointed clerk for the day

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report [illegible] are [illegible]

The Committee to visit Horatio Morrell not being ready to report are continued

The committee in case of Elijah Jenkins request inform that they have given attention to the case but are not ready to report they are continued

Mary B Jenkins received The women inform they have come to a conclusion to receive Mary B Jenkins into membership with which this meeting unites

We have received a number of London Yearly Meeting [illegible] on Epistles rec'd — Epistles for 1837 which are directed to be distributed among the members

[illegible] certificate in favor of [illegible] Jenkins — A certificate from Salem Monthly meeting in favor of [illegible] Jenkins [illegible] was received and accepted

Womens certificate in favor of Peace A Hussey — A certificate from Dover Mo Meeting in favor of Peace A Hussey has been received and accepted

Meeting Closes the business at this time be concluded intending to meet again at the usual next month

[illegible] Hussey Clerk for the day

3 Mo

Berwick monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 3 mo 22 1838

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Edward Evans & Joseph B [illegible] who are present. For the absence of Daniel Page representative to our last meeting a satisfactory reason is assigned

The Committee to visit Horatio S Morrill are again continued

The Committee to visit Elijah Jenkins on the subject of his request presented the following report viz —

To the monthly meeting

According to appointment we have visited and had a satisfactory interview with Elijah Jenkins on the subject of his request and consider his motive in requesting the care of friends to be sincere and believe it would be safe to receive him into membership with us which is submitted North Berwick 3 mo 22 838

Wm Buffum [illegible] Meader [illegible]

Elijah Jenkins received — which after a time of consideration was accepted and he received into membership with us the womens meeting uniting there with Ebenezer Hussey is appointed to inform him thereof & report

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Comtee to propose names for overseers

the time for which the overseers were appointed having expired Elijah Neal Joseph Bracket John D Lang and Joseph Meader are appointed to propose names of suitable friends for overseers and present to our next ~~quarterly~~ preparative meeting

Having closed the business we concluded to adjourn to meet again next month at the usual time

John D. Lang Clerk

4 mo

Berwick Mo Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 4 mo 19 1838 The representatives from the preparative meeting are John Buffum and Elijah Neal who are present

Read the queries and prepared the following answers which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly meeting to be held at Dover the 26th inst and have appointed Joshua Meader Andrew Austin and John Buffum as representatives thereto

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended and generally by the greater part of our members except midweek meetings which are not been so fully attended the hour generally observed [illegible] from sleeping except in a few instances as generally clear from other unbecoming

2 we believe love & unity are maintained by the greater part of our members yet we have instances where they are not maintained nor detraction sufficiently guarded against and some care taken we endeavor to extend care in cases of differences but not always done so speedily as would be best

3 Most friends endeavor to bring up those under care in pla iness & to restrain them from reading pernicious books & the con corrupt

of the truth as also to be exemplary herein themselves The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families

5th Friends generally Carefull to avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors and the unnecessary frequenting places of publick resort and generally to maintain temperance [illegible] after Some Care is taken in these respects

6th Generally Carefull in these respects

7 Generally Carefull in the Generally, in particular of this query

8 mostly Carefull in these respects excepts some deficiency in timely, better accounts

9 Carefull as to recording and Certificate.

10 Some Care has been taken to deal with offenders but not always so timely and extensive as required After Judgement has been placed according to discipline

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins attended Meeting with a minute of Concurrence from Providence Mo. Meeting of friends held 3rd Mo 28 1838 her Company and religious ~~Service~~ Services have been Satisfactory. the Clerk is directed to furnish Providence Mo. Meeting with a copy of this minute We have also the acceptable Company of Enoch & Lydia Breed (a part of the Yearly Meetings Committee) in Company with A. A. Jenkins

The Committee in Horatio Morrill case not having a report at this time are continued and on account of the indisposition of one of Committee Amasa Varney is added to the Committee

The preparative Meeting propose the following friends to serve as overseers for the year ensuing which after a time of consideration was united with and they accordingly appointed to that service for one year viz Joseph Bracket Joseph Meader Nicholas Estes and Cyrus Buffum

Overseers Appointed

The friends appointed last year to serve as Overseers of the poor viz Isaac Varney Wm Hill Joseph Meader Elijah Neal, Cyrus Buffum and Ephm Morrill are reappointed to serve ~~a~~ again for one year

Overseers of the Poor Appointed

A removal certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting in favor of Lydia Varney has been read and is accepted viz

The Select Meeting having proposed the appointment of Hannah Morrill to the Station of an Elder which after a time of consideration thereon this meeting appoints her to that Station the womens Meeting concurring therein and the Clerk is directed to forward to the Quarterly Meeting with a Copy of that minute

Also the same Meeting propose the appointment of Ann Elmira Lang to the Station of an Elder which after a time of consideration thereon this meeting approves with the concurrence of the women meeting appoints her to that station and the Clerk is directed to forward to the Quarterly Meeting with a Copy of this minute

Our Treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly meeting Stock to the Quarterly meeting Treasurer Having closed the business we conclude proposing to meet next month at the usual time

John D Lang Clerk

5 mo Berwick Monthly Meeting held at Berwick 5 mo 24 1838

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Benajah Varney & Joseph Meader & both Present

The womens meeting inform they have come to a Conclusion to disown Catharine Allen with which this meeting unites also have come to a conclusion to disown Ann Eastman with which this meeting unites

The Committee in Horatio G. Morrell case are continued till next month

Those appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended.

Our Yearly Meeting Stock being 22,51 c was raised & ~~our Treasurer is requested~~ ~~and the stock~~ time, by Subscription —

Having accomplished our business we conclude intending to meet next mo. at the usual time

John D. Lang Clerk

6 mo Berwick Mo. Meeting of friends held 6 mo. 28th 1838

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Cyrus Buffum & Benajah Varney who are present

The committee in Horatio Morrell case are continued till next meeting

A removeal certificate from Salem Mo. meeting was read and accepted in favor of Mark Allen & his wife Mercy H which is as follows viz —

To Berwick Mo. Meeting of friends

Mark Allen having removed within the limits

Removal Certificate Mark Hill & wife

of your Meeting request our certificate for himself & wifes Mercy H.

This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting & while with us pretty Constant attenders thereof & have ~~settled~~ their outward affairs to Satisfaction far as appears, as such we recommend them to your Christian Care & Oversight Signed on behalf of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 6th of 6th Mo 1838

Saml. Boyce Clerk
Elizabeth R. Nichols Clerk

Removal Certificate Timo. Varney & family

A removal Certificate from Dover Mo. Meeting was read and accepted in favor of ~~[illegible]~~ Timo. Varney & his wife Mary & their two minor Children Lydia & George which is as follows viz

To Berwick Mo. Meeting of Friends

Timo. Varney and Mary his wife having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting of an orderly life and Conversation and their outward affairs settled far as appears to satisfaction as such we recommend them with their minor Children Lydia & George also members, to your Christian Care and oversight

Signed on behalf and by direction of Dover monthly meeting of friends held at Gilmanton 5 mo. 23. 1838

Olney Thompson Asst Clerk
Lydia Thompson, Asst Clerk

Consent given to Sandwich Mo. Meeting to receive Olive Hill

By a Minute from Sandwich Mo. Meeting we are informed they have concluded to receive Olive Hill into membership and she having been a member and disowned by this meeting they have requested our consent which after a time of consideration no objection appears to ~~[illegible]~~ this meeting to prevent their receiving him is concluded, the womens meeting concurring herein The Clerk is directed to ~~in~~ inform Sandwich Mo meeting by a copy of this minute

(7 Mo)

Berwick Mo Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 7 Mo 26 1838

The representative from the preparative meeting are Joseph Meader and Nicholas Estes who are present

The Committee on Horatio G. Donnell's case are continued till next month and are requested to report

Joshua Meader John Buffum and William Hill are appointed to consider of suitable person for a Clerk and an assistant & present their names to our next Mo meeting

The situation of Oak wood meeting having claimed the consideration of this meeting and after due deliberation resulted in the appointment of John D Lang John Buffum Joshua Meader Joseph Breed Joseph Meader and Andrew Austin to unite with a similar Committee of womens friends in attending the aforesaid meeting from time to time & other ways render advice & assistance as way may open for in the truth & report

Having closed the business at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at the usual time next month

John D Lang Clerk

8 Mo. Berwick Mo. meeting of friends held
at North Berwick 8 mo 16th 1838

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joshua Meader and Pelatiah Hussey who are present. The time for which the clerk was appointed having expired the Committee appointed at our last meeting to propose a suitable person to serve as clerk nominate Pelatiah Hussey which after a time of consideration was united with & he accordingly appointed to this service for one year

Clerk appointed

The queries are read in this meeting with their required answers which we forward to our Quarterly meeting to be held 13th inst. and we appoint Joshua Meader Asa Allen and Albert G Hussey representatives thereto

James Stewart & Mary Buffum appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage

The Committee in the case of Horatio Morrill inform they have taken care in the case but are not ready to report they are continued

Josiah Frye & Cyrus Buffum are appointed to take the necessary care of the horses at our Quarterly Meeting and present their bill

Having closed the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time of next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

At Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North-Berwic
9th mo 27th 1838

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Albert G. Hussey and Elijah Jenkins — who are present

We are informed those appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting all attended

~~The~~ following certificate was received ~~for~~ in favour of James Stuart expressing his clearness to proceed in marriage with Mary Buffum he is accordingly left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends. and we appoint Hatevil Hussey and Andrew Austin to attend the same and see if it conducted orderly and report to next Meeting —

Our Esteemed Friend Charles F Coffin attended this Meeting with a certificate from Sidney Mo Meeting dated 9th Mo 20th 1838 expressing ~~his~~ their unity with him in his prospects, his company and Gospel labours are acceptable

Also our Esteemed Friend Alton Pope companion of Charles F Coffin attended this Meeting with a certificate from Leeds Mo Meeting dated 9th mo 21st 1838 whose company is acceptable
The clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of the above minutes

The Committee in the case of Horatio G. Morrell presented the following report together with the following acknowlegement from him which after a time of consideration was accepted and he accordingly restored to the priveleges of society and James Hussey is appointed to inform him the decision of this meeting and report

To the Mo Meeting to be held 27th instant
Agreable to appointment we have several times visited Horatio G. Morrell on the subject complained of and do not find but what it would be safe to continue him a member which we submit to the Mo Meeting
North Berwick 9th mo 27th 1838

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Joseph Breckto
Amazia Farny

Horatio S Morrell acknowledgment

Whereas I have through unwatchfulness — deviated from the good order of our Society as set forth in the complaint against me the practice of which I condemn and hope I may walk more consistently in future and desire that Friends may overlook my deviations and extend their care over me

Horatio S Morrell

The following removal certificate in favour of Benajah Buffum and family ~~was received and accepted~~ from Salem Mo Meeting was received and accepted

Removal certificate Benajah Buffum &c family

To Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends —

Benajah Buffum having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate for himself & family — his wife Cynthia their daughter Elizabeth & son William — this may certify on their behalf that they are members of this Meeting of orderly — deportment & diligent attenders of meetings & have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction —

As such we recommend them to your — Christian care and oversight.

Signed by direction and in behalf of Salem Mo Meeting of Friends held at Salem 12th of 7th Mo 1838

Samuel Boyce
Elizabeth K Nichols } Clerks

The Womens Meeting inform that they have come to a conclusion to accept Hannah H Gould into — membership with which this Meeting unites

We have recd the usual ~~number~~ of copies of London Yearly Meeting Epistles for 1838 which are directed to be distributed amongst our members

James Stuart's certificate

To Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends

James Stuart informed this Meeting that had thoughts of proceeding in Marriage with Mary Buffum a Member of your meeting and requests our few lines on that account. This may certify that he is a Member of this Meeting and is clear of Marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears

Signed by direction and on behalf of Vassalboro Mo Meeting of Friends held 9th mo 4th 1838

Joseph H Cole Clerk

Having accomplished the buisness at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

10th Mo 1838

Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 18th 1838

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Johnathan Buffum & Joshua Meader who are present

The queries are read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting ~~to be~~ held at Sandwich the 25th inst and we appoint Joseph Meader John D Lang & Isaac Varney representatives thereto

The committee appointed to attend the Marriage of James Stuart & Mary Buffum inform that it is not accomplished they are continued

James Stuart informs that in consequence of ill health he has not accomplished his Marriage and he requests the privilege of accomplishing it at the close of this Meeting he is permitted to proceed accordingly

The Friend appointed to inform Horatio S. Morrell of the decision of this Meeting in his case ~~inform~~ report the service is accomplished

The following complaint is received from the preparative Meeting against John Austin viz

John Austins complaint

John Austin has for a length of time wholly neglected the attendance of our Meetings has gone out in dress & address and has also joined the train band, for which he has been treated with, which we submit

North Berwick 11th Mo 11th 1838.

Joseph Meader }
Cyrus Buffum } Overseers

And we appoint John Buffum & William Hill to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting.

The following complaint is recieved from the preparative Meeting ~~from~~ against Ephraim Allen of Sandford viz

Ephraim Allen complaint

Ephraim Allen of Sandford a member of this Meeting has for a long time almost wholly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings and gone out in dress and address for which he has been at different times laboured with without the desired effect, which is submitted

North Berwick 10th mo 8th 1838

Joseph Brackett }
Joseph Meader }
Cyrus Buffum } Overseers

James Hussey & Joshua Meader are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting

Having ~~closed~~ accomplished the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

11th mo 22d 1838

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 22d 1838

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Isaac Varney & Amaza Varney who are present

Those appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended

The committee appointed to attend the Marriage of James Stewart & Mary E Buffum report they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The comittee appointed to visit John Austin inform that they are not ready to report. they are continued

The committee appointed to visit Ephraim Allen of Sandford inform they are not ready to report they are continued and this meeting is united in adding Daniel Page & Peletiah Hussey to the committee

Caleb Cole & Hannah H. Foote appeared in this Meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage Ephraim Morrell & Amaza Varney are appointed to enquire into the clearness of the said Caleb to proceed therein and report at next Meeting

This Meeting is informed that Stephen Nichols requests a removal certificate to Vassalboro Monthly Meeting for himself and family Joseph Meader & Isaac Varney are appointed to join a committee of women friends to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears present one at next Meeting —

Having accomplished the business at this time we conclude intending to Meet again next month at the usual time Peletiah Hussey Clerk

12th Mo 1838

Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 27th 1838

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Benejah Buffum & Benejah Varney who are present

The committee in the case of John Austin are continued to report when they have an opertunity of visiting him

Ephraim
Allen
disowned

The comittee in the case of Ephraim Allen presented the following report viz,

To the Monthly Meeting

We have attended to our appointment in the case of Ephraim Allen of Sandford. A part of the — committee have visited him, he justifies himself in the course he has pursued and appears quite indifferent about remaining any longer a member of our society. we see no prospect of his making Friends satisfaction for his departure from our principles, which we submit

12th mo 27th 1838
Joshua Meader
Daniel Page
James Huſsey
Pelatiah Huſsey
Committee

which after a time of consideration was — accepted & this meeting disowns him from — membership with us, the womens meeting uniting therein & Ephraim Morrell & Elijah Neal are appointed to inform him the desition of this meeting and report

The committee to enquire into the clearness of Caleb Cole to proceed in Marriage with Hannah H Gould report that they find no objection to his proceeding as proposed they are accordingly left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order friends & we appoint William Hill & Pelatiah Hussey to attend the same & see ~~that~~ it is conducted orderly & report at next meeting

Removal certificate Stephen Nichols

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for Stephen Nichols & family, presented the following ~~viz~~ which was directed to be signed by the clerk

To Vassalboro Monthly Meeting —

Stephen Nichols having removed with his family within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate for himself & wife Hannah & Minor children viz Phebe, Joseph B, Mary C, Sarah, Hannah Elizabeth, & Ann Elmira, also for his Brother, Abner Nichols. This may certify that they are members of this Meeting of orderly lives and conversation, constant in the attendance of our religious Meetings, their outward affairs settled to satisfaction as far as appears. As such we recommend them to your care & oversight

By direction & on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 27th 1838

Pelatiah Hussey
Anna E Lang } Clerks

Children of Elijah Jenkins accepted in membership

We are informed through the preparative Meeting that Elijah & Mary C Jenkins made the following request viz

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

With ~~a view~~ the view that we should be better qualified to the discharge of our duty towards our children if they were admitted into society

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with us — We are induced to make request therefor their names are Velma B, Simeon S. & Charles C.

Berwick 12th mo 20th 1838

Elijah Jenkins

Mary C Jenkins

which after a time of consideration, this Meeting is united in granting, their children are accordingly received into membership with us

complaint Elijah Jepson

The following complaint is received from the preparative Meeting against Elijah Jepson viz

To the preparative Meeting

It appears that Elijah Jepson has for some time neglected the attendance of our meetings both for worship & discipline & has of late married out of the order of Friends, which we submit

North Berwick 12 mo 17th 1838 Joseph Brackett

Joseph Meader

Cyrus Buffum

Nicholas Estes (overseers)

John Buffum & Joshua Meader are appointed to visit him thereon & report at next meeting

complaint John Estes Jr

The following complaint is also received from the preparative meeting against John Estes Jr viz

To the preparative Meeting

John Estes Jr a member of this Meeting has for some time been in the practice of making an improper use of spirituous liquors & of late has been so unguarded as to take property that was not his own & convert it to his use, we have taken an opportunity with him on the subject and did not find him in a state of mind to give us any satisfaction which we submit

Joseph Brackett

Joseph Meader

North Berwick 12th mo 17th 1838 Cyrus Buffum

overseers

Amaza Varney Isaac Varney & Benajah Buffum are appointed to visit him thereon & report at next meeting

committee to take care of the house and lot

Cyrus Buffum & Isaac Varney are appointed to take the necessary care of the fires, meeting-house & lot the year ensuing

The following bill for making fires in our meeting house & repairing stoves was received & accepted and continued

North Berwick 12th mo 27th 1838

Berwick Monthly Meeting to David H. Buffum Dr

For taking the necessary care of meeting house & yard one year	8,00
for 18 lbs of funnel at 12½ cts	2 25
	$10 25

L D Lang certificate

Our esteemed Friend Lorin L. Lang, a minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a prospect which had for some time attended his mind of paying a visit in Gospel love to Friends and others in some parts of Falmouth and Vassalboro Quarterly meetings and also (if way should open) to appoint some meetings amongst those not in profession with us in the remote parts of those Quarterly Meetings, which after having the solid consideration of this Meeting was fully united with and he left at liberty to attend to his prospect as best wisdom may direct.

Signed by direction and on behalf of of Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 27th 1838

Pelatiah Hussey } Clerk
Hannah W Neal } Asst. Clerk

Having accomplished the business we concluded intending to meet again at the usual time next month. Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

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1st mo 17th 1839

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 17th 1839

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Timothy Varney & Joseph Meader who are present

Our Esteemed Friend Cornelius Douglass attend this Meeting with a coppy of a minute from Vassalboro Monthly meeting dated 12th mo 19th 1838. his company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us

Also Our Esteemed Friend David Douglass in company with our Friend Cornelius Douglass attended this Meeting with a coppy of a minute from Sidney Monthly meeting dated 11th mo 21st 1838 his company has been acceptable

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with coppies of the above minutes

The queries are read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th which we forward to our Quarterly meeting to be held at Rochester 24th instant and we appoint John Buffum, Joseph Brackit, and Joseph Meader representatives thereto

The committee to inform Ephraim Allen the decision of this meeting in his case report the same is accomplished

The committee to attend the marriage of Caleb Cole & Hannah H. Towle inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The comittee to visit Elijah Jepson inform they are not ready to report they are continued

The committee in case of John Estes 2nd inform they are not ready to report they are accordingly continued

We are informd through the preparative Meeting that Louis Taber requests a removal certificate directed to Starksboro Monthly Meeting. The following was presented which after a time of consideration was directed to be signed by the clerk

To Starksboro Monthly Meeting

Louis Tabers certificate

Louis Taber who was reccommended to us by certificate from you, but now resident within the limits of your meeting requests our removal certificate — This may certify, that he is a member of this meeting his conduct was orderly while here and has settled his outward affairs and is clear of marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears

As such we reccommend him to your care

Signed by direction & on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 17th 1839

Pelatiah Hussey }
Ann C Lang } Clerks

We have subscribed $10.25 to pay the bill continued from last meeting

committee Eliot Meeting

This meeting being informd that Eliot Midweek meeting has not of late been attended we here upon appoint Andrew Austin Joseph Brackett, Joshua Meader, & John D. Lang to visit the same enquire into its situation and report

The committee on the subject of Meeting-houses appointed in 1832 are dismissed from further services

committee Meeting house

William Hill Isaac Varney Joseph Meader Andrew Austin Joseph Bracket & Cyrus Buffum are appointed to take the most suitable measures for obtaining subscriptions for the purpose of building a meeting house on the present meeting house lot and if in their judgment sufficient encouragement can be obtained they are on the Meetings account authorized to dispose of the old houses and take measures to build a new one, to be completed to hold our Quarterly Meeting in at the usual time in the 8th mo next

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

2 mo 28th 1839

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2d mo 28th 1839

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Elijah Neal & Daniel Hanson who are present

The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

the committee to visit Elijah Jepson inform they are not ready to report they are continued

John Estes Jr disowned

The committee in the case of John Estes Jr presented the following report viz

To the Monthly Meeting

Agreeable to appointment we have visited John Estes Jr on the subject of complaint brought against him, but do not find him in a situation or disposition or ~~disposition~~ of mind to make Friends satisfaction for his transgressions. The same is submitted

2 mo 28th 1829 Amasa Varney } Committee
Benajah Buffum }

Which after a time of consideration was accepted and this meeting disowns him from membership with us the womens meeting uniting therein and Josiah Presont is appointed to inform him the decision of this meeting and report

The committee to visit Eliot Meeting inform they are not ready to report they are accordingly continued

Having accomplish,d the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Pelatiah Hussey, Clerk

3d Mo 1839

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3d mo 28th 1839

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin and Elijah Jenkins who are present

Our esteemed Friend Edward Gove attended this Meeting with a coppy of a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting dated 3d mo 7th 1839 his company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us

Also our esteemed Friend Moses Huntington jr in company with our friend Edward Gove attended this Meeting with a coppy of a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting dated 3d mo 7th 1839 his company has been acceptable to us

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with coppies of the above minutes

The committee in case of Elijah Jepson inform they are not ready to report they are continued

The committee to visit Eliot Meeting inform they are not ~~ready~~ prepared to report they are accordingly continued

A removal certificate in favour of Thomas Varney was read and Joshua Meader William Hill and Isaac Varney are appointed to make the necessary enquiry on the subject & report at next Meeting

The Friend appointed to inform John Estes jr the decision of this meeting in his case report the service is accomplished having accomplised the business we conclude ~~hoping~~ intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey, Clerk

4th mo 1839

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 18th 1839

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joshua Meader & Amaza Varney who are present

The queries are read in this meeting ~~with~~ and the following answers prepared for the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover the 25th inst and we appoint Joshua Meader Andrew Austin and Joseph Bracket representatives there to

Ans 1st All our Meetings for worship and Discipline have attended except one small Meeting which has not been kept up in the middle of the week (and is under notice) they are generally attended by the greater part of Friends, yet there is a deficiency in this respect with a number of our members - The hour pretty well observed — Generally Clear of unbecoming behaviour except afew instances of sleeping

Ans 2d ~~Which~~

We believe there is a good degree of Love & Unity maintained by most Friends yet there are afew instances where it appears to be wanting Detraction generally guarded against, where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them

Ans 3d

There appears to be a good degree of care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, we know of no [illegible]

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Tables amongst us — careful as to corrupt conversat
we think there is a care with most Friends to set a
good example and that the Holy scriptures are
frequently read in Friends families

Ans 4th We believe there is a good degree of care with most —
Friends in the several particulars of this query

Ans 5th Generally carefull in these respects

Ans 6th carefull as far as appears

Ans 7th Careful in these particulars except one instance
of a military nature which is under notice

Ans 8th There appears a general care in the minds of
Friends in these particulars

Ans 9th Carefull as to recording & certificates

Ans 11th Care has been taken to deal with offenders
but we are sensible of its being short of
what is here queried after — no complaint as
to placing Judgment

The committee in the case of Elijah Jepson
inform they have visited him but are not
ready to report they are continued

The committee to visit Eliot Meeting infor
they have taken care in the case but are not
prepared to report they are accordingly continu

The committee appointed to make enquiry
in the case of Thomas Varney's certificate
inform they have given attention to the case
but are not ready to report they are continued

We appoint Isaac Varney Treasurer to this meeting for the ensuing year

Our Treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of yearly Meeting stock to the Yearly meetings Treasurer

The womens meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Lydia Page with which this meeting unites

committee to propose names for Overseers

* were appointed

The time having expired for which our Overseers * Joshua Meader Wm Hill Joseph Brackett and Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to propose to our next monthly Meeting the names of suitable persons for that station the ensuing year

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

5th Mo 1839

Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 28th 1839

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Wm Hill & Cyrus Buffum who are present

The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

The committee in the case of Elijah Jepson presented the following report which after a time of consideration was accepted

Elijah Jepson Disowned

and this meeting disowns him from membership with us the womens meeting uniting therein and we appoint Amaziah Varney ~~to~~ inform him the decision of this meeting & report

Report of the committee

To the monthly Meeting

According to appointment we have visited Elijah Jepson and treated with him on the subject of the complaint and it is our opinion that he will not be likely to make satisfaction to the Meeting for his out goings at present

Which is submitted

North Berwick 5th mo 23rd 1839

John Buffum
Joshua Meader

The committee to visit Eliot Meeting inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The following removal certificate in favour of Thomas Varney was accepted

Thomas Varney settled

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends
Thomas Varney having removed within the limits of your this may certify that he is a member of this Meeting and has settled his outward affairs as far as appears, as such we recommend him to your christian care and oversight

By direction & on behalf of Sandwich Mo Meeting of Friends (State of N.H.) held 12th mo 25th 1838

Ezra Meader } Clerk
Sarah Hoag } Asst Clerk

The committee appointed to propose the names of suitable persons for Overseers presented the following viz — Joseph Meader Isaac Varney & Cyrus Buffum

Overseers appointed

which after a time of consideration was united with ~~accepted and they~~ and they are appointed to that service for one year

This Meeting is informed that Elizabeth Neal requests a removal certificate to West Mo Mtg Philadelphia for her Minor son James Joshua Meader & Berajah Buffum are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appear present one at next meeting

We are also informed that Thaddeus Morrell requests a removal certificate directed to West Monthly Meeting Philadelphia for his Minor son John H. L. Morrell Isaac Varney & Wm Hill are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

Yearly Meeting Stock for 1838
$24,37

We are informed that our proportion of — Yearly Meeting stock for 1838 was twenty four Dollars & thirty seven cents of which we have subscribed at this time $21,25 and our treasurer is directed to pay $3.12 the remainder of the sum wanting

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

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6th Mo 1839

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 27th 1839

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Jonathan Buffum & Joseph Brackett who are present

The committee appointed to visit Eliot Meeting inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The Friend appointed to inform Elijah Jepson the decision of this meeting in his case inform the service is not accomplished he is continued

The following removal certificate in favour of James Neal Jr was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk

To West Monthly Meeting Philadelphia

Removal certificate for James Neal

James Neal Jr a minor now residing in the limits of your Meeting and for whom we are requested a removal certificate — this certify that he is a member of this Meeting, and as such we recommend him to your care

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 27th 1839

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk
Hannah W. Neal Ass't Clerk

The following removal certificate in favour of John A. L. Morrill was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk

To West Monthly Meeting Philadelphia

Removal certificate for J. H. L Morrell

Thadeus Morrell requests a removal certificate for his minor son John H. L. Morrell residing within the limits of your Meeting

This may certify that he is a member of this meeting & As such we recommend him to your care and oversight. — By direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 27th 1839

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk
Hannah W. Neal Assist Clk

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

7th mo 1839

Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 25th 1839

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader & Elijah Neal who are present

The committee to visit Eliot Meeting inform they have given attention to the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

The friend appointed to inform Elijah Jepson the decision of this meeting in his case informs the service is accomplished

Isaac Varney & Joseph Meader are appointed to propose to our next monthly Meeting the names of suitable persons for Clerk and assistant Clerk for the year ensuing

The womens Meeting inform that they have come to a conclusion to disown Vienna G. Morrill with which this Meeting unites

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

8th mo 1839

at N. Berwick Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 15th 1839

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Cyrus Buffum & William Hill who are present

Clerk appointed The committee appointed at our last Meeting to propose a suitable person for a Clerk propose Pelatiah Hussey which after a time of consideration was united with and he accordingly appointed to that service for one year

The Queries are read in this Meeting with their required answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 22d inst and we appoint Isaac Varney [illegible] and Elijah Neal representatives thereto

The committee to visit Eliot Meeting inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

John Buffum informs this meeting that he has some thoughts of unsettling himself concerning which he requests the advise of his friends Joshua Wheeler Cyrus Buffum Joseph Wheeler and William Hill are appointed to attend to the subject and report at next Meeting

Hannah
Cole
disowned

The womens meeting inform that they have come to a conclusion to disown Hannah Cole with which this meeting Unites

Cyrus Buffum & Isaac Varney are appointed to provide hay and take the necessary for our Quarterly Meeting

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Zelatiah Hussey
Clerk

9th mo 1839

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 26th 1839

The representatives from the Preparative meeting are Benajah Buffum & Wm Hill who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended —

The committee to visit Eliot meeting inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

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The committee in the case of John Buffum presented the following Report viz

John Buffum at liberty to act with himself

Having attended to our appointment in the case of John Buffum we should think it better for him to be left at liberty to act on the subject as would be most satisfactory to himself

9th mo 26th 1839

Wm Hill } On behalf of the Committee

which after a time of consideration was — accepted and he left at liberty accordingly

Y Meeting extracts in first Page

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting with the report of the Boarding School Committee and the circular of the committee — issued in 1835 were received and read at this time which are to our satisfaction

Also an Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting was recived & read which is to our satisfaction

J D Lang's ~~returning minutes~~ certificate returned

Our Esteemed Friend John D Lang having — returned the certificate Granted him in the 12th mo 1838 informs that so far as he has been enabled to accomplish the visit proposed therein it has been to his own satisfaction — he also produced the following returning Minutes which are acceptable

Returning minute from Cornwall 2 Minutes

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Our Esteemed Friend John D Lang attended this Meeting with your certificate of 12th mo 4th 1838 His company and religious services have been ~~acceptable~~ satisfactory

By direction and on behalf of Cornwall Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 17th 1839

Daniel Faber } Clerks
& Sarah H Purkins

Friend
in the [illegible]

Our Esteemed Friend John D Lang in the Ministry acceptably attended this Meeting with a certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting

From the minutes of Sidney Monthly Meeting held 2 mo 21st 1839

Daniel Paddock } Clerk for the day
Sarah Purinton } Clerk

Our Esteemed Friend John D Lang in the Ministry with a certificate from Berwick Mo Meeting held 12th m 27th 1838 is acceptably with us his company and religious services have been ~~satisfactory~~ the Clerks are directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute

From the minutes of China Monthly meeting of Friends held 19th of 2 mo 1839

Eli Jones }
Sibyl E Jones } Clerks

Our Esteemed Friend John D Lang in the Ministry with a certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting held at North Berwick 12th mo 27th 1838 is acceptably with us —— Extracted from the Minutes of Leeds Monthly Meeting held at Winthrop 2 mo 22nd 1839

William Farr Clerk
Eunice W Farr } Asst Clerk

Our Esteemed Friend John D Lang with a certificate from Berwick Mo Meeting held at North Berwick dated 27th of 12th mo 1838 attended this Meeting his company and religious services have been satisfactory and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a coppy of this minute and sign it on behalf of this meeting

From the minutes of Unity Monthly Meeting of Friends held 18th of 2d month 1839

Asa Jones Clerk

Our Esteemed Friend John D Lang in the Ministry acceptably attended this meeting with a certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held North Berwick 12th mo 27th 1838 ——

from the minutes of [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 20th 1839

Joseph H Cole }
Eunice Nichols } Clerks

Having accomplished the business we conclude — intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Buffum, Clerk

10th mo 1839

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 17th 1839

The representatives from the Preparative meetings here Benajah Buffum & Elijah Jenkins who are present

The Queries are read in this meeting with their required answers which we forward to the Quarterly meeting to be held at Sandwich 24th inst and we appoint John Buffum Isaac Varney & Joshua Meader representatives there to

The committee to visit Eliot Meeting presented the following viz

To the monthly meeting

Report Eliot Meeting — Agreeable to appointment we have visited Eliot meeting to good satisfaction and find in consequence of the smallness of their number and the poor health of some of them they omitted keeping up their midweek meetings for a time since which all

their meetings have been regularly kept up,
Which is submitted

On behalf of the Committee

N Berwick 10th 17th 1839

Joshua Meader
Andrew Austin
John L Lang

Phebe Meader
Ann C Lang
Committee

Which is satisfactory and the committee released from further services

The committee continued from 12th mo last in the case of John Austin presented the following report viz.

To the Monthly Meeting
Pursuant to appointment we have visited John Austin, He acknowledges the complaint to be correct, but manifests no disposition to make Friends satisfaction for wish to remain a member of society - we think further labour would be unavailing, which is submitted

John Buffum
North Berwick 10th mo 16th 1839 Wm Hill } Committee

John Austin disowned

Which after a time of consideration was accepted and this meeting disowns him from membership with us, the womens meeting therein uniting Albert L Buffum is appointed to inform him thereof and report at next meeting

Our Esteemed Friend Benjamin Tobey in the Ministry acceptably attended this meeting with a satisfactory certificate from [illegible]

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[illegible] Minute

Monthly Meeting held 7th mo 5th 1839 — endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting held at Ausable 8th mo 7th 1839

Phebe Tabor's minute

Our beloved Friend Phebe Tabor in the ministry acceptably attended this meeting with a satisfactory certificate from Starksborough Monthly Meeting held 8th mo 7th 1839 endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting held at Ausable 8th mo 7th 1839
The clerk is directed to furnish them with coppies of the above Minutes

The committee to furnish Hay for our last Quarterly meeting inform that their bill is three Dollars 83/100 which is accepted

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Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

* The following complaint is recieved from the Overseers through the Preparative meeting against Amos Whittier John Buffum Joshua Meader & Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting

complaint Amos Whittier

To the Preparative Meeting
Amos Whittier has for some time Mostly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings, and for discipline. Gone out in dress and address and married out of the order of our society to a women not in membership with us, the same is submitted
S Berwick 16th Mo 7th 1839 Joseph Meader
Isaac Varney
Cyrus Buffum } Overseers

11th month 1839

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 25th 1839

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader & Joseph Brackett who are present

The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

The Friend appointed to inform John Austin the decision of this meeting in his case informs the service is accomplished

The committee in the case of Amos Whitter inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

committee on sheds

Joseph Meader, Joshua Meader John D Lang Elijah Jenkins Benajah Buffum Isaac Varney Pelatiah Hussey & Andrew Austin - are appointed to take into consideration the subject of building Sheds for Horses on the Meeting House lot and pursue the most suitable measures to have them erected

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

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12th mo 1839

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 26th 1839

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Daniel Page & Wm Hill who are present

The committee in the case Amos Whittier inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee appointed to consider the subject of building sheds for horses presented the following proposals which after a time of consideration was accepted and the committee continued to see that they are erected accordingly and report

Proposals of the committee on the subject of sheds

The committee under appointment on the subject of sheds have met several times and conferred together and with most of the members of the monthly meeting and believe it advisable to submit the following propositions for the consideration of the Monthly Meeting viz

That any of our members may have the privilege of building one shed each on the meeting house lot for the accommodation of his horse & carriage during the time in attendance of our meetings and for no other purpose — this privilege to continue no longer to such individuals who may erect sheds than they are members of this monthly meeting — and it is also further proposed that when the monthly meeting should see fit to furnish a sufficient number of sheds to accommodate the meeting in its usual attendance for public use that such individuals who may have built sheds for private use as aforesaid shall give up those private sheds to said meeting at a value which may be set on them by a committee appointed by the monthly meeting for that purpose — it is proposed that the sheds be built plain and the dimensions to be 9 by 16 feet are to be open in front and uniform as may be in shape. It is further proposed that any member or members may have the privilege of gratuitously of building additional sheds for the public use of said meeting and when built shall be at the disposal of the Monthly meeting

North Berwick 12th mo 26th 1839

On behalf of the committee
Joshua Meader
John D Varney

A removal certificate is presented from Sandwich Monthly Meeting in favour of Mark Dennis Isaac Varney is appointed to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting

The womens Meeting inform that they have come to a conclusion to disown Sarah Warren with which this Meeting unites

We are informed through the preparative meeting that George Nichols requests a removal certificate to Weare Monthly Meeting for himself and family Joshua Meader and Ezra Buffum are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if no objection appears present one at next meeting.

committee to take care of the Frs house and yard

William Hill and Benajah Varney are appointed to take the necessary care of the Fres meeting house and yard for the ensuing year

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

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1st Mo 1846

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at South Berwick 1st mo 16th 1846

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joseph Meader & Elijah Neal who are present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 11th were recd which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Rochester the 23d inst and we appoint Wm Hill John D Lang and Cyrus Buffum representatives thereto

The committee in the case of Amos Whittier inform they have given attention to the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

By information ~~obtained~~ from the friend appointed to visit Mark Dennis we have concluded to accept his certificate which is as follows —

Received Certificate Mark Dennis

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
Mark Dennis having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate this certifies on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting of orderly deportment and when with us was a constant attender of our meetings and as far as appears has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and is clear of marriage engagements amongst us — As such we recommend him to your christian care and oversight

Signed by direction and on behalf of Sandwich Monthly meeting of Friends held at the North meeting house 9th mo 19th 1839
Ezra Meader } Clerk
Caroline Breed }

The following removal certificate in favour of George Nichols & family was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded

To Weare Monthly Meeting

Removal certificate George Nichols & family

George Nichols having removed with his family viz his wife Anna and minor children Lorina H. ~~and~~ Comfort and Sarah to your Meeting requests our certificate — This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting and were diligent in the attendance of the same while with us. their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction so far as appears as such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st Mo 16th 1840

Nathaniel Buffum Clerk
Hannah Morrell Clerk for the day

By accounts from our preparative Meeting we are informed that John Buffum requests a removal certificate to Durham Monthly Meeting for his minor son James H. Buffum. Pelatiah Huzzey and William Hill are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

We are also informed that Amaziah Varney requests a removal certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting for himself and wife Comfort and their three children viz Cyrus, Sewell B, and Elmira. Jeremiah Buffum and Joshua Meader are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears present one at next Meeting

Josiah Fry Bill $7,86

Josiah Fry presented the following bill for Providence Hay in 1838 and for building fire in the during the year of 1839 was read and accepted which is nine dollars and eighty cents $9.80

Having accomplished the business we concluded intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

2nd Mo 1840.

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2nd Mo 27th 1840.

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Joshua Meader and Elijah Jenkins who are present.

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting in course they all attended.

The committee in the case of Amos Whittier inform they are not ready to report— They are continued.

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for John H. Buffum presented the following, which was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk, and forwarded.

Removal To Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Certificate John Henry Buffum, a minor, having removed
John H. within the limits of your Meeting— This may
Buffum. certify that he is a member of this Meeting and
was while with us a frequent attender thereof.
As such we recommend him to your christian care and oversight.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick
2nd Mo 27th 1840.

Pelatiah Hussey } Clerk.
Hannah Neal } Clerk for the day.

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for Amasa Varney's family presented the following which was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

Removal
ertificate
Amasa
arney
family

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Amasa Varney having removed within the limits of your Meeting requests our Certificate for himself and family viz. his wife, Comfort, and their children Cyrus, Newhall B. and Elmira. This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this Meeting of orderly life and conversation and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we recommend them to your christian care and oversight.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Mo Meeting held at North Berwick
27th of 2 Mo 1840.

Pelatiah Hussey } Clerk
Hannah Morell } Clerk for the day.

The following complaint from the Overseers, is received ... through the preparative Meeting, against Ephraim Morell, Benajah Buffum Joshua Meader, and William Hill are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting.

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phraim
Morell.

To the Preparative Meeting.

Ephraim Morell in making sale of some real Estate that was his father's (on which he administered) conducted in a way that has the appearance of an intended fraud, whereby he has brought reproach on himself and friends. We have visited him several times, hoping he would be willing to do something to relieve society from the scandal brought upon it, but without the desired effect. The same is submitted.

2nd Mo 26th 1840.

Joseph Meader }
Isaac Varney } Overseers.
Cyrus Buffum. }

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t. apportn
$13,63

Pelatiah Huſsey and Benajah Buffum are appointed to apportion the sum of $ 13.59 cts amongst our members to defray the bill presented by Isaiah Fry last month, and also the bill presented in the 10th mo last by the committee, to provide for the horses at our last Quarterly Meeting.

Having accomplished the busineſs we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Pelatiah Huſsey Clerk

3rd Mo 1840.

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3rd Mo 26th 1840.

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are John Buffum and Caleb Cole, who are present.

The Committee in the case of Amos Whittier inform they have given attention to the case, but are not prepared to report; they are continued—

The committee in the case of Ephraim Varnell inform they have taken care in the case but are not ready to report they are continued

Having accomplished the busineſs we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Pelatiah Huſsey Clerk

4th Mo 1840

Berwick Monthly Meeting held at North Berwick 4th Mo 16th 1840.

The representatives from the preparative Meetg are Albert G. Huſsey and Elijah Vest who are present.

The Queries are read in this Meeting with the following Answers, which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover the 23d inst and we appoint Zacheus Meader, Joseph Brackett, and

Elijah Neal, representatives thereto

Ans. 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline are attended by the most of our members, yet there is a slackness in some more especially in the middle of the week. The hour generally observed, We know of no unbecoming behaviour amongst us except a few instances of sleeping.

2nd

We think there is a good degree of Love and Unity maintained by most of our members, tho; not so fully by all as would be best; Detraction we think guarded against by most friends, tho not sufficiently by all, Care has been taken to end differences.

3rd

Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, careful as to books and conversation as far as appears, mostly careful in setting good examples. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th

Generally careful in the several particulars of this querys.

5th Clear as far as appears except two instances of minors being placed from amongst friends.

6th Clear except one instance of keeping out of society with the intention of marriage

7th Clear,

8th Careful except in a few instances

9th Careful in these respects

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders in good measure as queried after, Judgment has been placed when it has appeared necessary—

The Committee in the case of Amos Whittier not being ready to report are continued

The Committee in the case of Ephraim Morrell inform they have given attention to the case but are not prepared to report. they are continued—

We have at this time subscribed 24.37cts, it being our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock—

Isaac Varney is appointed Treasurer to this Meeting for one year.

Our Treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer

committee to build fence

Albert G. Hussey, Elijah Jenkins, Edward Evans, and William Hussey are appointed to have the care of erecting suitable fences and gates for our Meeting House Lot and take other necessary care on the Meeting's account

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month,

Jedediah Hussey (Clerk)

5th Mo

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 28th 1840

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Cyrus Buffum & John Hussey, who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

The committee in the case of Amos Whittier inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The case of Ephraim Morrell is — continued under the care of the Committee

committee to propose names for Overseers

The time having expired for which the Overseers were appointed Joseph Brackett Andrew Austin Joshua Meader and — Jedediah Hussey are appointed to propose

Coppies views of Friends on church Government

On civil Government

London Epistles &c

[illegible] Paint Meet. house

to our next Monthly meeting the names of suitable persons to fill that station the ensuing year

We have recived at this time sixty three coppies of a declaration of the views of the society of Friends in relation to church government by our Meeting for sufferings which are directed to be distributed amongst our numbers

We have also recived 140 coppies of the views of the society of Friends in relation to civil — government which are directed to be directed to be distribtuted as way may offer —

Also 85 coppies of London yearly Meeting Epistles for 1839 which are directed to be distributed amongst our members

Wm Hill Wm Hussey & Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to solsit subscriptions for the purpose of Painting our meeting house on the out side and if a sufficient sum can be procured to see that the work is accomplished

The buisness being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

6th Mo 1840

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 25th 1840

The Representation from the preparative meeting are Timothy Varney and Daniel Page who are present

The committee in the case of Amos — Whittier presented the following report viz.

To the monthly meeting

A part of the committee have Amos Whittier and not withstanding he expresses a wish to remain a member of our society it is our opinion that he will not be likely to get along consistant with our religious profession in life and conversation whi which is submitted

N Berwick 6th mo 25th 1846

John Buffum
Joshua Meader
Peletiah Hussey
Committee

Which after a time of consideration was accepted and this meeting disowns him from membership with us the womens meeting uniting therein and Wm Hill is appointed to inform him the decision of this meeting and report

Amos Whittier Disownd

* The committee to propose to this Meeting the names of suitable persons for Overseers proposed the following viz Joseph Meader Isaac Varney and Cyrus Buffum which after a time of consideration was united with and they are appointed to that service for one year

Overseers Appointed

* The committee in Ephraim Morrells case inform they ~~were~~ not prepared to report they are continued

John Buffum having requested a removal certificate to Durham Monthly Meeting Joshua Meader and Cyrus Buffum are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Cler.

Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held 7th mo 23d 1840

The representatives from the Preparative meeting are Joseph Meader & Wm Hill who are present

The committee in the case of Ephraim Morrell inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for John Buffum presented the the following ~~to~~ which was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk

John Buffum's certificate

To Durham Monthly Meeting

John Buffum a member of this meeting now residing within the limits of your meeting requests ~~our~~ ~~certificate~~ of us a removal certificate - This may inform that he was diligent in the attendance of our religious meetings and his life and conversation otherwise consistent he has settled his outward affairs amongst us ~~to~~ far as appear to satisfaction and is clear of marriage engagements As such we recommend him to your Christian care

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick monthly meeting held at North Berwick 7th mo 23d 1840

Rachel Hoxey
Ann E Lang } Clerks

Joseph Meader and Isaac Varney are appointed to propose to our next monthly Meeting the names of suitable persons for Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year

The committee appointed in the 2 month last to apportion the sum of $1363 amongst our members inform that it is apportioned and mostly collected the remainder of which is at this time subscribed

Having accomplished the buisness we conclude — intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey, Clerk

8th mo 1840

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 20th 1840

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Joseph Brackit & Cyrus Buffum who are present

Clerk Appointed

The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Pelatiah Hussey is appointed to that service for one year

The Queries are read in this Meeting with their required answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held the 27th Inst and we appoint Joseph Brackett Andrew Austin ~~Representatives thereto~~ and Asa Allen Representatives thereto

Lewis Allen Published

We are informed by the minutes of the Preparative Meeting that Lewis Allen has a prospect of Publishing his intention of Marriage with Phebe Jenkins they appeared and ~~Published~~ declared their intention accordingly he producing the following certificate from Windham Monthly Meeting of his clearness to proceed therein

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
Lewis Allen requests our certificate to your

meeting to proceed in marriage with Phebe - Jenkins - This may certify on his behalf - that he is a member of this Meeting & clear of Marriage engagements as far appears with us

By direction ~~&~~ of Windham monthly meeting of Friends held 4th of 7th mo 1840

David Allen Clerk

The committee in the case of Ephraim Morrell inform they have taken care in the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

Albert G Hussey and Cyrus Buffum are appointed to provide for and take the necessary care of the horses at our Quarterly Meeting.

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

7th mo 1840

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 24th 1840

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joseph Meader and Wm Hill who are present

Jacob Purinton Published

We are informed through the preparative meeting ~~that~~ Jacob K Purinton proposes — publishing his intentions of marriage with Mary Estes at our next they appeared and declared their intentions accordingly

No objection having appeared against Lewis Allens proceeding in marriage with Phebe Jenkins they are left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of friends and Pelatiah Hussey and —

William Hill are appointed to attend the same and see if it conducted orderly and report at next meeting

The Friends appointed to attend our next Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended

The committee in the case of Ephraim Morrell inform they have given attention to the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

Amos Whittier informed of his disownment

The friend appointed to inform Amos Whittier the decision of this meeting in his case informs the service is accomplished

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk —

11th mo 1840

N Berwick

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at 11th mo 15th 1840 at North Berwick

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Nicholas Estes and Edward Evans who are present

The Queries are read in this meeting with their required answers which we forward to Quarterly meeting to be held at [illegible] which time we appoint William Hill John D Lang and Isaac Varney representatives thereto

No objection having appeared against Frederick [illegible] proceeding in marriage with Mary Estes they are left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends [illegible] he procuring the following certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting of his clearness to proceed therein and consent of Parents Benjamin [illegible] and James Hussey Jr are appointed to attend and see if it conducted orderly and report at next meeting

The committee appointed to attend the marriage of Lewis Allen and Phebe Jenkins inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The ~~committee in the~~ case of [illegible] is continued with the addition of Elijah [illegible] Andrew Austin ~~and~~ Jonathan Jenkins to the committee

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible]

J K Purinton certificate

Jacob K. Purinton having requested a certificate to your Meeting setting forth his clearness to proceed in marriage with Mary Estes a member of your meeting—

This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting and is clear of marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears

Signed by direction and on behalf of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Dover 10th month 16th 1840

Olay Thompson Clerk

To Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends

This may certify that I give my consent for my son Jacob K Purinton to proceed in marriage with Mary Estes

Dover 10th mo 16th 1840 Mary Purinton

11th mo 1840

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 26th 1840

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Elijah Jenkins and Isaac Varney who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

J. H. Purinton married

The committee to attend the marriage of Jacob H. Purinton and Mary Estes inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The committee in the case of Ephraim Morse inform they have taken care in the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

We are informed through the preparative meeting that Isaac Fry requests a removal certificate to Windham Monthly meeting for himself and family. Joshua Meader and Peltiah Hussey are appointed to make the necessary inquiry in conjunction with a committee of Women friends and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

Phebe J Allens certificate approved

A removal certificate (to Windham Mo. Meeting) in favour of Phebe J Allen was presented which was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peltiah Hussey Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 11th [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] representatives [illegible]
Meetings [illegible] [illegible]
who are present

Removal certificate to Pinkham

A removal certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting in favour of Elizabeth Ann Pinkham was received and accepted

Daniel Hanson Jr Published

We are informed through the preparative Meeting that Daniel Hanson Jr proposes publishing his intentions of Marriage with Elizabeth Ann Pinkham they appeared and declared their intentions accordingly James Hussey Jr and Benjamin Varney are appointed to enquire into the clearness of the said Daniel to proceed therein and report at next Meeting

Subject E Morrell dismissed

The committee in Ephraim Morrells case having taken care but the said Ephraim having deceased since our last meeting the case is dismissed from our minutes

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for Isaiah Fry and family presented the following which was accepted and directed to be signed by the Clerk

Removal certificate Isaiah Fry

To Windham Monthly Meeting

Isaiah Fry and his wife Phebe H. now residing within the limits of your Meeting requests of us a removal certificate for themselves and their minor daughters Sarah, Elizabeth, Hannah

This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting and their outward affairs settled to satisfaction so far as appears — as such we recommend them to your christian care and oversight

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick

Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 24th 1840

Pelatiah Hussey
Anna Chamberlain } Clerks

committee for fires

Cyrus Buffum and William Hussey are appointed to take the necessary care of the fires Meeting house and yard for the ensuing year

The business being accomplished we conclude adjourning to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

1st mo 1841

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 21st 1841

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Elijah Jenkins and Albert G Hussey who are present.

The queries are read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Rochester the 3d inst and we appoint Isaac Varney and Joseph Meader and Albert G Hussey Representatives thereto

The committee to enquire into the clearness of Daniel Hanson Jr report that they find nothing to obstruct his proceeding in marriage as proposed he is accordingly left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends and Pelatiah Hussey and Joshua Meader are appointed to attend ~~the same~~ said marriage see that it is conducted orderly and report at next Meeting

The following complaint is received from the Overseers through the preparative meeting against William Dyson Jr

Pelatiah Hussey and Benjamin Buffum are appointed to visit him thereon and report to next meeting

To the preparative Meeting

Wm Epson complaint

William Epson Jr having for some time kept company with a woman not of our society which he has been seasonably advised against but notwithstanding the advice of his friends has married out of the order of society, the same is submitted

North Berwick 1st mo 14th 1841

Joseph Meader
Isaac Varney
Cyrus Buffum
overseers

6 ~~[illegible]~~ certificate from Seabrook Monthly Meeting in favour of Dances Varney was read and accepted

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

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2 mo 1841

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2 mo 25th 1841

The Representatives from the preparative meeting are Nicholas Otis & Elijah Neal who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

Danl Hanson Jr [illegible]

The committee to attend the Marriage of Daniel Hanson Jr inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly

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The committee to visit William Jepson Jr inform they have taken care in the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

Sarah Jane Page disown

The Womens Meeting inform they have concluded to disown Sarah Jane Page with which this Meeting unites

Mary C Purinton Certificate Remove

A removal certificate to Dover Monthly Meeting in favour of Mary C Purinton was read approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk

We have at this time subscribed the sum of $10,25 to pay the bills presented for building fires sweeping the Meeting house providing for horses the past year

The business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey
Clerk

3d mo 1841

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3d mo 25th 1841

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Elijah Neal & William Hill who are present —

Wm Jepson Jr Disowned

The committee in the case of William Jepson Jr presented the following report which after a time of consideration was accepted and he accordingly disowned from membership with us the womens meeting uniting therein said Daniel Page is appointed to inform him thereof and report at next meeting

To the Monthly Meeting

We have attended to our appointment in the case of William Jepson Jr — he appears to have a wish to remain a member with us yet we think he will not at present be likely to make friends satisfaction for his departure from the order of our society.

Benajah Buffum
Pelatiah Hussey
committee

North Berwick 3 mo 24th 1841

We are informed that John Bates requests a removal certificate to Dover monthly Meeting for himself and family Joseph Meader and William Hill are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in Next month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

4th mo 1841

Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 15th 1841

The representatives from the preperative meeting are Andrew Austin & Cyrus Buffum who are present except Andrew Austin

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the following answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover the 22nd Inst and we appoint Joseph Brackett Joshua Meader and Cyrus Buffum representatives thereto

Ans. 1st All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended those on first days by most friends yet there is a deficiency in the attendance of midweek meetings by some — the hour generally observed — friends are preserved from sleeping except in a few instances, generally clear of other unbecoming behaviour

Ans. 2nd We believe there is good of love and unity maintained by most friends, generally careful to guard against detraction, we know of no differences amongst

Ans 3rd We believe ~~there is~~ a concern rests on the minds of most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world likewise to be a good example therein themselves, We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families

4th Mostly careful in the several particulars of this query

5th No complaint in the several particulars of this query except one instance of a minor being placed other than among friends

6th Careful as far as appears

7th Clear

8th Generally careful in these respects

9th Clear except one instance of removal without a certificate

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried after No complaint as to placing judgment

The friend appointed to inform William Jepson Jr the decision of this meeting in his case informs that the service is accomplished

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for John Estes & family inform they have given attention to the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

Y M Stock
$22.50

By the following extract from our Quarterly Meeting it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock for 1840 is $22,50

Treasurer Appointed

The time having expired for which our treasurer was appointed Isaac Varney is appointed treasurer to this meeting for one year

We have directed our treasurer to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Quarterly Meetings treasurer

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends,
It appears by the following extract that this Meetings proportion of Yearly Meetings stock, the year ensuing is seventy five Dollars, Berwick Monthly meetings proportion of which is twenty two Dollars fifty cents

By direction and on behalf of Dover Quarterly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 27th 1840

John Brown Clerk

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

5th mo 1841

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th 27th 1841

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Benajah Buffum and Andrew Austin who are present

Nicholas Pinkham Publish

We are informed through the preparative Meeting that Nicholas A. Pinkham proposes publishing his intentions of marriage with

Sibil H Estes at this meeting; they appeared and declared their intentions accordingly

~~Women info~~

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting inform they all attend except Joshua Meader, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for John Estes and family, presented the following which directed to signed by the Clerk

To Dover Monthly meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends

John Estes, having removed with his wife Abiel, and their minor Children viz Charles Edwin T, Simon F and Albert to reside within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate

[illegible] removal certificate

This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we recommend them to your Christian care

Signed by direction of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at North Berwick 5th mo 7th 1861

Pelatiah Hussey } Clerks
Ann Elmira Lang }

We are informed through the preparative meeting that Richard Eastman requests a removal certificate to Middleton Monthly meeting State of Ohio William Hill and Elijah Neal are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

The following communication is received from Seabrook Monthly Meeting viz

At Seabrook Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 6th 4th 5th mo 1841

Communication from Seabrook Mo. Meeting

We are informed that Philip Neal a Member of Berwick Monthly Meeting has for several years resided within the limits of our meeting and has lately been placed out from among Friends and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Berwick Monthly Meeting

Transcribed from the minutes

Daniel Breed, Clerk

The following removal certificate is received from Salem Monthly Meeting in favour of Amasa Varney and family was read and accepted

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Amasa Varney removal certificate received

Amasa Varney having removed with his wife Comfort, and their Children viz Cyrus Newell & and Elmira to reside within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate

This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting of orderly life and conversation and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we recommend them to your Christian care

Signed by direction of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 3d 2 mo 11th 1841

Samuel Boyce } Clerks,
Elizabeth R. Nichols

The following removal certificate to Seabrook Monthly Meeting in favour of Philip Neal was read and ~~accepted~~ directed to be signed by the Clerk viz

$11.00 Y. M. Stock subscribed

We have subscribed at this time eleven dollars being a part of our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock for 1840

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To Seabrook Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] certificate [illegible]

having removed within the limits of your meeting this may certify that he is a member of this meeting, as such we recommend him to your Christian care

Signed by direction of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 27th 1841

[illegible] [illegible] } Clerk

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month. [illegible] Clerk

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6th Mo 1841

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 24th 1841

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joseph Meader and Benajah [illegible] who are present

No objection having appeared against [illegible] [illegible] proceeding in marriage with Sibil H Estes they are left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends he producing the following certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting of his clearness and consent of parents. Benajah Buffum and William Hill are appointed to ~~t~~ attend the same see that it is conducted orderly and report at next meeting.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting

Nicholas C Pinkham being about to marry in Marriage with Sibil H Estes a member of your Meeting request, our certificate, this may certify that he is a member of this Meeting and clear of marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears

Nicholas C Pinkham certificate

Dover 6th mo 23d 1841

Signed by direction and on behalf of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Dover 23d of 6th mo 1841

[illegible] Clk

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for Richard Eastman not being prepared to report are continued

William Perkins having requested a removal certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting State of Ohio Joshua Meader & Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to confer with him thereon and if no objection appears present one at next Meeting

The time having expired for which our overseers were appointed Joshua Meader Elijah Neal Joseph Brackett and Andrew Austin are appointed to propose at our next Monthly Meeting the names of suitable persons to fill that station the ensuing year

Overseers of the Poor

Cyrus Buffum Pelatiah Hussey and [illegible] are appointed as overseers of the Poor for one year

$10 32 Yearly Mtg Stock subscribed

We have subscribed at this time ten dollars thirty two cents the balance of our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock for 1840

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

7th mo 1841

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th mo 22d 1841

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Benajah Buffum & Joseph Meader

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of Nicholas H Pinkham and Sibil H Estes inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly.

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for Richard Eastman not being prepared to report are continued

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for William Jenkins presented the following which was accepted and directed to be signed by the Clerk

To Salem Monthly Meeting State of Ohio

Dear Friends

William Jenkins being about to remove within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate

Wm Jenkins removal certificate

This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting and a diligent attender thereof his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction so far as appears and is clear of marriage engagements as such we recommend him to your Christian care

Signed by direction of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick State of Maine 7th mo 22d 1841

Pelatiah Hussey
Ambrose Lang } Clerks

The committee to propose to this Meeting the names of suitable persons for Overseers not being prepared to report are continued

The business being accomplished we conclude — intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

8th mo 1841

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 19th 1841

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Brackett and Benjamin Varney who are present

lerks appointed

The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Pelatiah Hussey is appointed Clerk and Albert C Buffum assistant Clerk for one year

The Queries have been Read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly meeting the 26th Inst and we appoint Elijah Jenkins Benjamin Buffum and Pelatiah Hussey representatives thereto

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for Richard Eastman are continued untill they are prepared to report

erseers appointed

The committee to propose the names of suitable person the ~~names of suitable persons~~ for Overseers proposed the following viz Cyrus Buffum William Hill and Nicholas Otis which after a time of consideration was united with and they appointed to this service for one year

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William Hussey and Cyrus Buffum have appointed to provide Hay for Horses and take other necessary care for our Quarterly Meeting,

Coppies of Disciplin receiv'd

We have received at this time from our Quarterly Meeting 5 coppies of the of discipline reprinted by the meeting for sufferings the Clerk is directed to supply the deficiency existing in this meeting and retain the remainder for the meetings disposal

John L Lang certificate

Our esteemed friend John L Lang opened in this meeting a prospect which had for a considerable length of time impressed his mind of performing a visit in gospel love to Friends and others within the limits of Falmouth and Vassalborough Quarterly Meetings more especially to those in the remote settlements and to appoint some meetings if truth should open the way — after a time of solid consideration thereon his prospect was united with and he left at liberty to pursue the same as truth may direct he being a minister in unity with us

Signed by direction of Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 15th 1841

Peletiah Hussey
Ann C Lang } Clerks

Having accomplished the business we concluded intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey
Clerk

9th Mo 1841

Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 23d 1841

The representatives from the preparative meeting are William Hill and Cyrus Buffum who are present

We are informed through the preparative meeting that William B Oliver and Sarah Jenkins purpose publishing their intentions of marriage at this meeting they appeared and declared their intentions accordingly

The Friends appointed to attend our Quarterly meeting as representatives inform they all attended

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey } Clerk

10th Mo 1841

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 21st 1841

The Representatives from the preparative meeting are Joseph Breckett and Daniel Hussey who are present

The Queries are read in this meeting with their requisite answers ~~answers~~ which we forward to our Quarterly meeting to be held at Sandwich 28th inst and we appoint Joseph Meader William ″ and Cyrus Buffum representatives thereto

No objection having appeared against William B Olivers proceeding in marriage with Sarah Jenkins they are left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends he having produced the following certificate ~~of~~ from Salem Monthly Meeting of his clearness to proceed therein and consent of Parents Benajah Ruffum & Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to attend the same see that it — conducted orderly and report at next — meeting

W B Oliver
certificate

To the Monthly Meeting of Berwick
Dear Friends

William B Oliver a member of our ~~Meeting~~ Society having requested our certificate on account of marriage this is to certify that on due enquiry nothing appears to obstruct his proceeding in marriage with Sarah Jenkins a member of your Meeting

From Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Salem the 14th of 10th mo 1841 and signed on behalf and by direction thereof

Samuel Boyce Clerk

W B Oliver
certificate

To the Monthly meeting to be held at Berwick 21st inst

Dear Friends — this may certify that our son William B Oliver has our consent to accomplish marriage with Sarah Jenkins

Lynn 10th mo 15th 1841

Barnabas Oliver
Charlotte Oliver

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

11th mo 1841

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 25th 1841

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joseph Meader and Isaac Varney who are present

W B Chace [illegible]
The friends appointed to attend the marriage of William B Chace and Sarah Jenkins inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly.

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

12th mo 1841

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 23d 1841

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joshua Meader and Elijah Jenkins who are present

Epistles from London Yearly meeting for 1841 have been recieved at this time which are directed to be distributed as usual amongst our Members

Committee on [illegible]
Cyrus Buffum and Wm Hussey are appointed to take the necessary care of our first meeting house and yard for the ensuing year

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month [illegible]

1st mo 1842

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st Mo 20th 1842

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader and Elijah Neal who are present

The queries are read in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Rochester the 27th Inst and we appoint Joseph Brackett Asa Allen and John D Lang representatives thereto

Sarah H Hale Disowned

The Womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Sarah H Hale with which this meeting Unites

Committee to Raise Money

Joshua Meader Pelatiah Hussey William Hussey and Joseph Meader are appointed to make suitable arrangements and apportion the several sums which it may be necessary to raise to defray the expenses of this Meeting for one year

The business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

2d mo 1842

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2d mo 24th 1842

Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Isaac Varney and Benajah Buffum who are present

The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

Report of committee on building Meeting house

The following report from the committee appointed in 1839 on building a meeting house was read and accepted and Isaac [illegible] is directed to pay the sum of $18.86 remaining in the hands of said committee to the committee on painting said house

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed in the 12th mo 1839 to build a meeting house have attended to their appointment and received subscriptions to the amount of $[illegible] of which they received of the members of this meeting

received of the members of this meeting	$11[illegible]
Recd of Edward Wing	[illegible]
" for Old Meeting house	1[illegible]
" for Old windows	16
" Old Stove & funnel	2 00
" " Old wood and timber	[illegible]
" " Of Nahum Merrill not subscribed	[illegible]
	$1296.42

Paid for building Meeting house	1[illegible]
Paid for Meeting house frame	1[illegible]
" " Rock work	1[illegible]
" " Mason work & lime	[illegible]
" " Out buildings	[illegible]
" " Expense for raising frame	2 00
" " Iron work	[illegible]
" " Wire and rivets for stove	[illegible]
" " Work on Old Meeting house	14 85
	$1277.56

$1296.42
$1277.56
18.86 remaining in hand of this committee

Joseph Brackett
[illegible]
Andrew Austin
[illegible]
William [illegible]
[illegible]

Committee

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* See the minute at the bottom of this page

Report of committee on Painting Mtg House

Report of the Committee appointed in the 5th mo 1840 on the subject of Painting our Meeting house.

We have obtained in subscriptions to the amount of $41.47

Recd of the committee on building

				$ 41.47
Recd of the committee on building				18.86
				$60.35
Paid for	25½ Gals Oil	76c		$19.38
" "	240 lb Lead	7c		16.80
" "	70 lb French yellow & Keg	3c	25	2.35
" "	2 lb Crome yellow	2/-		67
" "	20 " Spanish Brown	2c		40
" "	Freight on the above articles			1.00
" "	16 days work Painting & fixing things			16.00
" "	1½ Gals Jappan	9/-		2.25
" "	½ Gal Varnish	18/-		1.50
	Cr			61.35
By Cash left and returned to Wm Hill				1.00
				$61.35

William Hill
William Hussey } Committee
Pelatiah Hussey

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

* The committee appointed in the 5th mo 1840 on the subject of Painting our Meeting house produced the following report which was read and they are directed to use the sum of $1.81 remaining in the hands of the committee on building to pay the balance due from the meeting for Painting [illegible]

[illegible]

3rd mo 1842

Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3rd mo 24th 1842

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Elijah Jenkins and ~~Joseph Hall~~ Wm Hill who are present

E & E Gove Minute

Our Esteemed friends Edward and Elizabeth Gove attended this meeting with a satisfactory minute from Seabrook mo meeting dated 3rd mo 3rd 1842 their company and religious services have been acceptable

Joseph Whittier complaint

The following complaint from the preparative meeting was read against Joseph Whittier viz

To the Monthly Meeting

Joseph Whittier a member of this meeting has almost wholly neglected the attendance of our religious meeting, and has married out of the order of Friends to a woman not a member of our Society, which is submitted

North Berwick 3rd mo 16th 1842

William Hill
Cyrus Buffum
Overseers

Benajah Buffum and Isaac Varney are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting

certificate J D Lang returned

Our Esteemed friend John D Lang having returned the certificate granted him in the 8th mo last informs that he has been enabled to perform the visit proposed therein to the peace of his own mind and also produced the following returning minute

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We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend John D. Lang of Berwick who produced a satisfactory certificate from his Monthly meeting, expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement —

Returning minute J. D. Lang

By direction and on behalf of Vassalboro Quarterly meeting of Friends held 11 mo 12th 1841

Joseph H. Cole }
Sarah N. Jenkins } Clerks

Our beloved friend John D. Lang in the course of his religious visit attended this meeting and produced a satisfactory certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement. His company was acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the foregoing minute and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

Returning Minute J. D. Lang

Extracted from the minutes of Fairfield Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Hallowell 11th mo 10th 1841

Samuel [illegible] }
Sarah Purinton } Clerks

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

4th Mo 1842

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 21st 1842

The Representatives from the preparative Meetings [illegible]

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the following Ans which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint [illegible] Hallen Isaac Varney and Joseph Brackett Representatives thereto

Ans 1st Our Meetings have all been attended and generally by a considerable number of our members yet a want of care in this respect is apparent in some more particularly in the middle of the week of the week = The hour pretty well observed by most = Careful as to unbecoming behaviour except a few instances of sleeping in some at times

Ans 2d We think there is a good degree of Love and Unity generally maintained amongst us = There appears a good degree of care with most friends to guard against detraction but we fear all are not ~~so~~ sufficiently carefull in this respect = Care has been taken as respects differences

Ans 3d There appears a care on the minds of most friends to bring up their families in plainness as also to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation generally exemplary ~~them~~ in themselves = The holy scriptures frequently read in their families

Ans 4th Careful as to the use of spirituous liquors except ~~for medicine~~ in one or two instances where some care has been extended Carefull as to the other parts of this query

Ans 5th Carefull in these respects

Ans 6th Carefull as far as we know

Ans 7th Clear

Certificates

Ans 8th Generally careful in respect, [illegible] [illegible] taken [illegible]

Ans 8th There appears a good degree of care on the minds of most friends in these respects

Ans 11th Care has been taken to deal with [illegible] yet we are not sensible of its being short of what is here queried after We know of no cause of complaint as to placing judgment

The committee in the case of Joseph Whittier inform they are not prepared to report, they are continued

The report of our boarding school committee for 1841 was received and read at this time to our satisfaction.

Treasurer appointed

Pelatiah Hussey is appointed treasurer to this meeting for one year

We are informed through the preparative meeting that Cornelius Morrill request a removal certificate to Dover Monthly Meeting. Pelatiah Hussey and Elijah Neal are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if no objection appears present one at next meeting.

Our treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Quarterly Meetings treasurer.

The clerk is directed to forward to our friends Edward & Elizabeth Gove a copy of the minute taken in their behalf at our last meeting.

John D. Lang [illegible] to Indians

Our esteemed friend John D. Lang informs this meeting that he hath believed it right for him to [illegible] resigned to a prospect which hath accompanied his mind at times for several years past to pay a visit to the Indians located west of the Mississippi with a view of carrying out the joint concern of New York and New England Yearly meetings and that the prospect hath so far opened on his mind that it seemed best ~~[illegible]~~ (if way opened for it) to enter upon the service early in the autumn of this year, and while engaged in this labour if some of truth should open the way to appoint some religious meetings,

The subject claiming our solid and deliberate ~~consideration~~ [illegible] this prospect was fully

unite in it and he left at liberty to
pursue ~~his~~ manner as truth may direct he being a
and minister in unity with

Intimating our dear friend to this arduous
and hazardous service we commend him to the
guidance and protection of our divine Lord and
Master the Great caretaker of his children
every where and the kindness of those where
his lot may be cast.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick
Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North
Berwick State of Maine 4th mo 21st 1842

[illegible]
[illegible] Clerks

Our business being accomplished we conclude
intending to meet again at the usual time
in next month

[illegible] Clerk

5th mo 1842

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North
Berwick 5th mo 26th 1842

The representatives from the preparative
Meeting are Joseph Brackett and Isaac Varney
who are present

The friends appointed to attend
~~to attend~~ our last Quarterly Meeting inform
they all attended

The committee in the case of Joseph Whitten
inform they are not prepared to report they are
continued

The committee to prepare a removal certificate
for Horatio Merrill presented the following which
was approved and directed to be signed by the
Clerk

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To Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends
Horatio G. Wendell having removed within
the limits of your Meeting request our
certificate — This may certify on his behalf
Taken ~~that~~ he is a member of this Meeting, his
[illegible] outward affairs are settled to satisfaction
certificate amongst us as far as appears As such
we recommend him to your christian care

By direction of Berwick Monthly
Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick
5th mo 26th 1842

Mehitable Hussey }
Ann Elmira Lang } Clerks

The following removal certificate in favour
of Peter M Neal and family was read
and accepted viz

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
Peter M Neal and his wife Lydia C being
about to remove within the limits of your Meeting
requests our certificate, This may certify on —
their behalf that they are members of this meeting
P. M. Neal and frequent attenders thereof, and have settled
certificate their outward affairs as far as appears
The children viz John Winslow son of John and Phebe
Winslow deceased and now residing with them, and
their son Edward Cobb are also members. As such
we recommend them to your care and over sight

Signed by direction and on behalf of Falmouth
Monthly meeting of Friends held 8 mo 24th 1842

Caleb Jones }
Mary Brackett } Clerks

Bill of $1.36 Bill of $1.36 presented by the overseers of the
poor for articles furnished [illegible] of Eliot
has been read and accepted

Our business being accomplished we conclude
intending to meet again at the usual time in Ninth Month
[illegible] Clerk

6th mo 1842

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 23d 1842

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joshua Meader and Cyrus Buffum who are present except Cyrus

The committee in the case of Joseph Whittier inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

Our ~~meeting~~ business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

7th Mo 1842

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th mo 28th 1842

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Elijah Neal and Edward Evans who are present

The committee in the case of Joseph Whittier inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

A satisfactory reason is offered by Cyrus Buffum for his absence at our last meeting

William Hill and Joshua Meader are appointed to propose at our next meeting, the names of suitable persons for Clerk and assistant Clerk the ensuing year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

8th mo 1842

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 18th 1842

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Nicholas Estes and Joseph Brackett who are present.

Clerk appointed

The committee to propose to this meeting the names of suitable persons for Clerk and assistant clerk propose Pelatiah Hussey for Clerk and Albert C Buffum for assistant Clerk the meeting uniting therein they are appointed to that service for one year

The Queries with the answers to the 1st 2d & 10th were read in this meeting which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint Joseph Meader Elijah Jenkins and Joseph Brackett representatives thereto.

The committee in the case of Joseph Whittier inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to retain Lydia Rowell in membership with which this meeting unites

We appoint Joshua Meader Elijah Neal Benjah Buffum and Pelatiah Hussey school committee for one year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

Certificate Joshua Jenkins

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends Columbiana County Ohio

Joshua Jenkins and Sibil his wife having a prospect of visiting their children residing within the limits of your meeting and of spending some time with them, this may inform that they are members of this meeting and Elders in unity. Their Daughter — Mehetable who proposes accompanying them is — also a member of this meeting

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a coppy of the above minute and sign it on the — meetings account.

Pelatiah Hussey
Ann Elmira Lang } Clerks

9th Mo 1842

Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 22d 1842

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Lyman Buffum and Joseph Winslow who are present except one who was detained by sickness — The friends appointed to — attend our last Quarterly meeting as Representatives inform they all attended — The committee in the case of Joseph Whitten inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

Joseph Meader, Nicholas Estes, Elijah Neal and Andw Austin are appointed to propose at our next meeting the names of suitable persons for Overseers — Received at this time 80 Epistles from our last yearly Meeting which are directed to be distributed as usual amongst our members

Epistles Recd

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting and the report of the boarding school — committee have been read at this time which are to our satisfaction

Extracts Yearly Meetg

Memorials Rec

We have received 25 coppies of the — memorials of diseased Friends of this — yearly meeting which the Clerk is directed to distribute amongst our members.

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Delatiah Hussey, Clerk

10th Mo 1842

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 29th 1842

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Amasa Varney and Joseph Buckett who are present.

The Queries are read with there requisite answers which which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint Wm Hill Joshua Meader and Asa Allen representatives thereto

The committee in the case of Joseph — Whitten inform they have taken care in the case but are not prepared to report, they are continued

The committee to propose the names of suitable persons for Overseers propose the following viz William Hill Cyrus Buffum and Amasa Varney which after a time of consideration was united with and they appointed to that service for one year

Overseers appointed

[illegible] Joseph Buckett and Joseph Meader are appointed to repair the fences of our yard and build a suitable fence in front of the meeting house

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month D Hussey Clk

11th Mo 1842

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 21, st 1842

The Representatives from the preparative meeting, are Wm Hussey and Elijah Neal who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting inform they all attended

The committee in case of Joseph Whitten presented the following report which after a time of consideration was accepted and he disowned from membership with us the [illegible] meeting therein and Benajah Buffum is appointed to inform him the decision of this meeting

Joseph Whitten Disowned

to the Monthly meeting

Agreeable to appointment we have visited Joseph Whitten on the subject of complaint against him he acknowledged the complaint to be just and expressed a wish to remain a member but we do not think he is disposed to live up to the principles of society so as to give friends satisfaction for his past out goings

Isaac Varney
Benajah Buffum
Committee

North Berwick 11th mo 24 th 1842

One of our overseers having deceased since our last meeting Joseph Meader is appointed to that service for the remainder of the year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

12th mo 1842

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 22d 1842

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Bracket and Wm Austin who are present

The Friend appointed to inform Joseph Whitten the decision of this meeting in his case informs the service is accomplished

Committee on fires — Wm Hill and Isaac Varney are appointed to take the necessary care of our fires meeting house and yard the ensuing year

The following complaint is received from the overseers through the preparative meetings against Nathan Morrell, Joshua Meader and Joseph Bracket are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting

To the Preparative Meeting

Nathan Morrell complaint — Nathan Morrell a member of our Meeting has much neglected the attendance of our meetings for discipline and has of late married out of the order of Friends to a woman not a member of our society ~~to~~ which he was previously cautioned against

North Berwick 12th mo 14th 1842

Wm Hill
Amasa Varney } overseers
Joseph Meader

Committee Mary James — Removal certificate being presented this meeting in favour of Mary James

Wm Hill and Albert J. Hussey are appointed to enquire into her circumstances and consider the propriety of accepting the same and report at next meeting

The following bill of 11.50 was accepted

Berwick Monthly Meeting Dr

To	building fires and taking care of the meeting house one year	8.00
"	cuting Hay and tending horses —	2.00
"	1/2 cord hard wood — —	1.50
	North Berwick 12th mo 22d 1842	$11.50

Wm Hussey one of the committee

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

1st M 1813

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st 19th 1813

The Representatives from the Preparative Meets are Joseph Meader & ~~[illegible]~~ Isaac Varny who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite Answers which are forwarded to our Quarterly meeting to be held at Rochester 26th inst and we appoint Joseph Meader Isaac Varney and Wm Hill Representatives thereto

The committee in Nathan Horrells case not being prepared to report they are continued

Committee Mary Lamas

The Committee to enquire into the circumstances of Mary Lamas inform they have given attention to the case but she having a prospect of continuing within the limits of this meeting but a short time the case is continued under their care to report at a future meeting

John Lang certificate returned

Our esteemed Friend John Lang having returned the certificate granted him in the 6th mo last informs that he was enabled to perform the visit to his own satisfaction and the brief account by him of his visit among the Indians together with the following returning minute is satisfactory to this meeting

John Lang returning minute

Our beloved friend John Lang ---- acceptably attended this meeting

Signed by direction and on behalf of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Mount Pleasant by adjournment on 3d 6th and 9th of 9th mo 1812

Benj W Ladd Clerk

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Peleleh Hussey Clerk

2d m. 1843

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2d mo 23d 1843

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Elijah Jenkins and [illegible] who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting as Representatives inform they all attended

The committee in the case of Nathan Morrell inform they are not prepared to report they continued

Overseers for the Poor appointed

The time having expired for which our overseers for the Poor was appointed Isaac Varney Asa Allen and Joshua Meader are appointed to that service for one year

Recd at this time 80 coppies of London yearly Meeting Epistles for 1842 which are directed to be distributed as usual amongst our members.

Our business being accomplished we conclude — intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

3rd Mo. 23rd 1843.

Berwick Mo. Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3rd Mo 23rd 1843.

The Representatives from the preparative meet are James Hussey Jr. and Nicholas Estes, who are present.

The Committee in the case of Nathan Morrell presented the following Report, together with the following Acknowledgement from him, which, after due consideration, are accepted, and he is accordingly retained in membership with us; Nicholas Estes is appointed to inform him thereof.

Report in the case of Nathan Morrell

To the Monthly Meeting

According to appointment we have visited Nathan Morrell and found him very desirous of retaining his right of Membership, and from what he expressed to us together with the acknowledgement which he handed us for the Meeting, we thought it might be safe for the Meeting to pass by his offence which is submitted

North Berwick 3d Mo 23d 1843.

Joseph Brackett
Joshua Meader } Committee

Acknowledgement Nathan Morrell

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

Whereas I have deviated from the good order practised among friends by marrying a woman who was not a member of our society, and still feeling an attachment to the principles and practices of Friends, I wish and desire Friends to overlook my deviations from their good order, and still continue their watch and care over me for good.

Nathan Morrell

North Berwick 2d of 1st Mo 1843.

The Womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Sarah E. Morrell 2d with which this Meeting unites

A copy of the London Yearly Meeting general Epistle for 1842 has been read at this time which is truly ~~acceptable~~ satisfactory.

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time next month.

Pelatiah Hussey, Clerk

4th Mo. 20th 1843

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th Mo. 20th 1843

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin and Joseph Meader who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the following Answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover the 27th inst. and we appoint Joseph Meader Elijah Veal and Joshua Meader Representatives thereto

Ans 1st. All our Meetings for worship and disciplin are attended, those in the middle of the week and for discipline are not so fully attended The hour nearly observed, — We know of no unbecoming behaviour when met except a few instances of sleeping

Ans 2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintain'd by most friends tho not fully by all — Detraction is generally guarded against by most yet not so fully by all as would be best — Endeavours have been used to end differences

Ans 3d. Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and to restra them from reading pernicious books and fro corrupt conversation and are good examples herein themselves, The Holy Scriptures are read in our families

Ans 4th. Friends are generally careful in the several particulars of that query, except on or two instances of using spirituous liquors other than for medicine, and some care taken

Ans 5th Care has been taken in these particulars
Ans 6th Clear as far as appears
Ans 7th We know of no cause of complaint in the several particulars of this query
Ans 8th Most friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts yet there is some deficiencies in timely settling accounts careful in the other particulars of this query
Ans 9th Careful as to recording - Clear as to certificates except one or two instances which are under notice
Ans 10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders in some measure as queried after - Judgement has been placed where it has appeared necessary -

Yearly Meeting Stock

By the following extract from the minutes of our Quarterly Meeting it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is $22.50 which is directed to be forwarded by our Treasurer to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer

At Dover Quarterly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 25th 1842

By an extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting it appears that this meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock for the ensuing year is Seventy five dollars. Berwick monthly meeting's proportion 30 per cent is $22.50

By direction of the meeting aforesaid
Ezra Meader Clerk

Committee to apportion money

Pelatiah Hussey Aaron Varney and Joseph Meader are appointed to make suitable arrangements, and apportion the several sums which may be necessary to raise to defray the expenses of this Meeting for one year —

Pelatiah Hussey is appointed treasurer to this Meeting for one year

Having accomplished the business we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

5th Mo 1843

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 25th 1843

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Brackett and Amasa Varney who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

A removal certificate in favour of Horatio Morrell granted in the 5th mo last having been returned and directed to Dover Monthly Meeting having been returned with the following communications from that meeting Joseph Brackett and Joseph Meader are appointed to visit ~~thereon~~ him thereon and report at Next meeting

Extract from Dover Mo Meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Your certificate in favour of Horatio S. Morrell was recieved in 9th mo last and a committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of accepting it who made the following report at this time which is accepted and the Clerk directed to return said certificate with a coppy of said report and also the above extract from our minutes

Report

To Dover Monthly meeting of Friends,

Pursuant to appointment

Report of Dover Committee

we have ~~visited~~ given attention to the subject of receiving the certificate in favour of Horatio L. Morrell and from several interviews had with him it does not appear consistent to us to accept said certificate, as he seldom attends our meetings, and does according to his own statement attend meetings with those not in profession with us which we submit

3 mo 1843 Jesse Roberts } Committee
Tobias Meader }

From the minutes of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Rochester 3 m 2d 1843
By Olney Thomson Clerk

(Rufus D Bean certificate of removal)

The following removal certificate in favour of Rufus D Bean from Falmouth Monthly Meeting was read and accepted

To Berwick Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

Rufus D Bean (a minor) having removed within the limits of your Meeting and placed with Elijah Neal This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and a diligent attender of meetings while with us as such we recommend him to your care and oversight. Signed by direction and on behalf of Falmouth Monthly meeting of Friends held 2d m 23 1843

Caleb Jones }
Mary Brackett } Clerks

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

6th mo 1843

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 22d 1843

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Elijah Neal and Josiah Brown who are present

The committee in the case of Horatio S Nowell not being prepared to report, the case is continued under their care

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey
Clerk

7th mo 1843

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th mo 27th 1843

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Benajah Buffum and Aaron Varney who are present

The committee in the case of Horatio S. Nowell not being prepared to report are continued

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

8th mo 1843

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 17th 1843

The Representatives from the preparative meeting are Nicholas Estes and Isaac Varney who are present except Nicholas Estes, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

Clerks appointed

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Pelatiah Hussey is appointed Clerk and Albert C. Buffum Assistant Clerk for one year

The Queries were read in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 4th Inst and we appoint Joseph Breakup Stephen Jenkins and Joshua Meader representatives thereto

The committee in the case of Horatio S Morrill inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

Thaddeus Morrill having requested a removal certificate for his two minor sons viz Thaddeus Constantine and James Augustine Morrill directed to West monthly meeting Philadelphia Benjamin Buffum and Joshua Meader are appointed to to make the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears present one at Next Meeting

Our Business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

9th mo 1843

Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 28th 1843

The representatives from the preparative meeting are William Hill and Amasa Varney, who are present —

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting as representatives inform they all attended

The committee in the case of Horatio S Morrell informs they have taken care in the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

The following request from Wm Jepson having been received through the preparative meeting Joshua Neale and Joseph Brackett are appointed to visit him thereon and report at Next meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting

Wm Jepson request It is my wish to be restored to membership with the Society of Friends if they should consider me worthy thereof

N. Berwick 9th mo 21st 1843

William Jepson

The following removal certificate in favour of Thaddeus C and James A Morrell was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk

To Western District Monthly Meeting of Friends Philadelphia

Thaddeus Morrell requests of us a removal

removal certificate S.C. & J.A. Morrell certificate for his two minor sons viz Thaddeus C and James A Morrell now residing within the limits of your Meeting

This may certify that they are members of this meeting and as such we recommend them to your care

Signed by direction of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 26th 1843

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

Amos Lang Clerk for the day

Joshua Jenkins having requested a removal certificate to New Garden Monthly Meeting Columbiana County State of Ohio for himself and Wife Sybil Joshua Neale and Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to take the necessary care in the case and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

We have received at this time from our last Yearly Meeting a quantity of essays on some of the prominent doctrines and testimonies of Friends, which are directed to be distributed amongst our members

The Womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Mary Estes with which this Meeting unites

Our business being accomplished we concluded intending to meet again at the usual time in Next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

10th Mo 1843

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th Mo 19th 1843

The Representatives from the preparative are Josiah Prescot and Joseph Brackett who are present except one

The Queries were in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Sandwich 21st and we appoint John D Lang James Hussey Jr and Josiah Prescot representatives thereto

The committee in the case Horatio S Morrell inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The Committee in the case of Wm Jepson not being prepared to report ~~they~~ are continued

The following removal certificate in favour of Joshua Jenkins and Sibil his wife was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk

Removal
certificate
Joshua
Jenkins &
Wife

To New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends Columbiana County State of Ohio

Joshua Jenkins and Sibil his wife now residing within the limits of your meeting requests of us a removal certificate

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This may certify that they are members of this meeting are Elders in unity and were constant in the attendance of our religious meetings when in health — their outward affairs are settled ~~to satisfaction~~ amongst us far as appears — as such we recommend them to your christian care and oversight

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 19th 1843

Pelatiah Hussey } Clerks
Ann C. Lang }

Mark Jenness having requested a removal certificate to Dover Monthly Meeting — Isaac Varney and Wm Hill are appointed to take the necessary care in the case and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

The time having expired for which our Overseers were appointed Pelatiah Hussey Benjamin Buffum and James Hussey are appointed to propose to our next monthly Meeting the names of suitable persons to fill that station the ensuing year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

11th Mo 1843

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 23rd 1843

The Representatives from the preparative meeting are Elijah Jenkins and Benjamin Buffum who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

The committee in the case of Horatio S Hanell not being prepared to report are continued

The Committee in the case of William Jepson presented the following report which was accepted and he accordingly reinstated to membership with which the womens Meeting unites and Joshua Meader is appointed to inform him thereof and report at next meeting

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Report of Committee Wm Jepson accepted membership

To the Monthly Meeting

According to appointment we have visited William Jepson to good satisfaction it appeard from what he expressed to us that he had become fully convinced of the propriety of our disipline respecting marriage we should think it would be safe to grant his request and restore him to membership again with friends

Which is submitted — Joseph Brackett, Joshua Meader — Committee

North Berwick 11th mo 23d 1843

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for Mark Jennis presented the following which was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

Mark Jennis certificate

To Dover Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

Mark Jennis a member of this Meeting now residing within the limits of your Meeting request of us a removal certificate This may certify that he is a member of this meeting his outward affairs settled as far as ~~appears~~ we know and is clear of marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears — Is such we recommend him to your Christian care — Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 23d 1843 — Pelatiah Hussey [illegible]

Overseers appointed

The committee to propose to this meeting the names of suitable persons for overseers propose the following viz Joshua Meader Joseph Meader — William Hill and Joseph Brackett which are united with and appointed ~~with~~ to that service for one year

The Womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to receive Sarah R Brackett into membership which subject this meeting has — concluded to continue untill next monthly Meeting for further consideration

The overseers of the Poor propose to raise the sum of $30,00 to defray expenses already accrued which is directed to be apportioned as usual amongst our members

[illegible] Jepson and daughter accepted

The Womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to receive Dorathy — Jepson and her daughter Mary Esther into — membership with which this meeting unites

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

12th Mo 1843

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 28th 1843

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Benajah Buffum and James Hussey Jr who are present

The committee in the case of Horatio S Morrell not being prepared to report are continued

The friend appointed to inform William Jepson the decision of this meeting in his case report the service is accomplished

Committee S. K. Brackett

The Subject continued from last monthly meeting concerning Sarah K Brackett having claimed the attention of this meeting Joshua Meader Wm Hill and Isaac Varney are appointed to give suitable attention to the case in conjunction with the committee of Women Friends and report at next meeting

Committee on fires Meeting House and Lot

Joseph Meader Benajah Buffum and Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to take the necessary care of our fires Meeting House and Lot the ensuing year

Our businesses being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

1st m 1844

Berwick monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st m 18th 1844

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader and Wm Hill who are present

Minute (Daniel Knowles)

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Knowles attended this meeting with a satisfactory certificate from Farnham Monthly meeting dated 7th m 24th 1843 and endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 8th m 9th 1843

His company and religious services were acceptable to us

The Queries were read in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly meeting to be held at Rochester 25 inst and we appoint Joseph Meader Joseph Brackett and Benajah Buffum representatives thereto

The committee in the case of Horatio S Morrell not being prepared to report are continued

The committee in the case of Sarah R Bracket inform they have given attention to the case but are not prepared to report - they are continued

The following complaint is received from the Overseers through the preparative Meeting against Wm Whitten Elijah Jenkins and Stephen Jenkins are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting

Complaint Wm Whitten

To the Preparative Meeting

William Whitten having gone out in dress and address and of late married out of the order of Friends to a Woman not of our society and he having for a long time neglected the attendance of our Religious Meetings for which he has been laboured with without the desired effect it was thought best to lay the same before the Meeting

North Berwick 1st mo 9th 1844 John Meader
Joseph Meader
Joseph Bracket
William Hill
Overseers

The Womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Huldah Austin with which this meeting unites

Huldah Austin Disowned

The Womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Sarah R Whitten with which this meeting unites

Sarah R Whitten Disowned

Having accomplished the business we conclude meeting to meet again at the usual time in next month

Jedediah Hussey Clerk

2d Mo 1844

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2d mo 22d 1844

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting Josiah Prescot & Elijah Neal who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they attended

Horatio S Morrill Disowned

The committee in the case of Horatio S Morrill presented the following report which after a time of consideration was accepted and he is disowned from membership with us the womens meeting uniting therein and Benjamin Buffum is appointed to inform him the decision of this meeting and report

Agreeable to the appointment we have had an interview with Horatio S Morrill, he admits all the charges friends have brought against him yet he manifests a desire to remain a member altho we see no prospect of his making friends satisfaction — All which we submit

North B 2nd mo 22nd 1844

Joseph Meader }
Joseph Brackett }
Committee

The committee in the case of Sarah K Brackett not being prepared to report are continued

The committee in the case of Wm Whittier inform they have taken care in the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

The Clerk is directed to forward to our friend David C Knowles an Extract of the minute taken on his behalf at our last meeting

The following bill of $9.88 from Edwd Buffum was accepted and directed to be apportioned amongst the members of this particular meeting

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month —

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

(in bill)

Berwick Mo Meeting

To Edward Buffum Dr

For building fires & taking care of Meeting house in 1843 — 8.00

6 ft Hd wood 15/ — 1.88

North Berwick 2nd mo 21st 1844 — $9.88

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3d mo 1844

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3d mo 28th 1844

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joseph Meader and Enoch Varney who are present

Our beloved friend John Pease attended this meeting with a satisfactory certificate from Darlington Monthly Meeting in Great Briton held 3d mo 21st 184 Endorsed by Durham Quarterly Meeting held 4th 4th 184 also indorsed by the yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London by adjournment on the 22d and 23d of the 5th mo and 3d of 6 mo 1843 his company and Gospel Labours have been comforting and Edifying to us

We have at this time the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Marmaduke C. Cope companion to our friend John Pease with a satisfactory minute of concurrance from the monthly Meeting of friends for the Western District Philadelphia held 2d mo 20th 1844

The friend appointed to inform Horatio S Morrell the desision of this meeting in his case not having accomplished the service the case is continued under his care

The committee in the case of Sarah R Bracket inform they have given such advice in case as the circumstances seemed to require they are accordingly dismissed from further service

The womens meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to dismiss the case of Sarah R Bracket

The case of Wm Whittier is again continued under the care of the committee

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month
Pelatiah Hanson Clk

4th mo 1844

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 18th 1844

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Elijah Jenkins and Joseph Buzzell who are present.

The Queries were read in this meeting with the following answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint Joseph Meader Benajah Buffum and Pelatiah Hussey representatives thereto 2

Ans 1st Our meetings are all attended, those on first days by the greater part of our members Meetings on the middle of the week and for discipline are much neglected by some, Clear of unbecoming behaviour except some instances of sleeping

Ans 2d Love and Unity are generally maintained by most Friends yet it appears wanting in ~~some~~ a few instances We think ~~there~~ is a good degree of care to guard against detraction, Care has been taken to end differences when they have arisen

Ans 3d We think most friends have a desire to bring up those under their care in plainness, but we fear there are some instances where they are too much indulged We believe there is good degree of care with most Friends to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation, Generally exemplary herein themselves We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families

Ans 4th Friends are carefull in the several particulars of this Query except a few instances of using spirituous Liquors other than for medicine and some care taken

Ans 5th Carefull in these respects

Ans 6th Carefull as far as we know

Ans 7th Clear

Ans 8th Generally carefull in these particulars except some deficiency in timely settling accounts

Ans 9th Carefull as to recording deeds as to certificates, except one instance

Ans 10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as [illegible] but we are sensible that in some instances* we cause of complaint as to placing judgments

* more tenderness [illegible] be [illegible]

The friend appointed to inform Horatio J Morrill the decision of this meeting in his case reports the service is accomplished

The committee in the case of William Whitten not being prepared to report are continued

Qy M Stock

By the following extract from our Quarterly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock for 1843 is 22.50 which is directed to be apportioned as usual amongst our members

At Dover Quarterly Meeting held at South Berwick 8th mo 24th 1843

By an extract from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting it appears that this Meetings proportion of Yearly Meeting stock for the ensuing year is Seventy five Dollars of which Berwick Monthly Meetings proportion according to the usual apportionment is twenty two Dollars & fifty cents

Taken from the minutes of the afforesaid Meeting by direction thereof
Ezra Meader Clerk

Treasurer Appointed

William Hill is appointed Treasurer to this Meeting for one year

Our Treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the ~~Trea~~ Quarterly Meeting Treasurer

Joseph Meader Albert G. Hussey and William Hussey, are appointed to apportion amongst our members the several sum of money which it may be necessary to raise to defray the expences of this meeting for one year

ommittee
ary Lam
ismissed

The committee appointed in the 12th m 1842 on the subject of receiving the removal certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting in favour of Mary Lamb inform they, have given attention to the case and find circumstances unfavourable to receiving the same and have advised the women accordingly, they are dismissed

The following minute in favour of Hannah Morell was ~~read~~ approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk

Hannah
Morells
inute

Our beloved friend Hannah Morell informed this Meeting that she had a prospect of accompanying Margaret M Jones on a religious visit within the limits of of Rhode Island Smithfield & Sandwich Quarterly Meetings Much unity was expressed with her in her engagement She being an Elder in good esteem with us — By direction ~~and an Extract~~ of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th m 18th 1844

Peletiah Hussey }
Ann B Lang — } Clerks

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

5th Mo 1844

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 23rd 1844

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Benajah Buffum and William Jepson who are present

Asa Varney and Alice A Estes Published

Asa Varney and Alice A Estes appeard in this meeting and declared their intention of taking each other in marriage

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting as representatives inform they all attended

The committee in the case of Wm Whitte not being prepared to report are continued with the adition of William Jepson to said committe Elijah Jenkins having requested to be released on account of ill health

We have recievd at this time a quantity of London Yearly meeting Epistles for 1843 whic are directed to be distributed as usual amongst our members

Our business being accomplished we concluded intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

6th mo 1844

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 27th 1844

The Representatives from the preparati Meeting are Isaac Varney and Asa Allen wh are present

The committee in the case of Wm Whitt not being prepared to report are continued

The following bill from the committee to build and repair our fences was accept

Bill for building fence

Berwick Monthly Meeting Dr

For building Meeting house fence as follows

"	594 ft of Railing	$ 9"	$ 5.34
"	22 Ceder Posts	10c	2.20
"	216 ft Pine Boards	$ 9"	1.94
"	32 ft Wt Oak plank		".32
"	7 lb Nails	5c	.35
"	1 lb Wrought Nails	1/-	.17
"	Labour building fence		12.00
"	Making 3 Gates & hanging the same		3.75
"	Hinges for Gates		4.18
			$ 30.25

6th mo 27th 1844

Isaac Varney } Committee
Joseph Meader }

The consent of the Surviving Parent of the friend about to proceed in Marriage with Alice N. Estes not being present at this time this meeting has concluded to adjourn to the 4th day of next month at half past ten o.clock

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick by adjournment 7th mo 4th 1844

Asa Varney and Alice N Estes having declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage are left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of friends, he having produced the following certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting of his clearness to proceed therein and consent of Parents. Jedediah Hussey and Benajah Buffum are appointed to attend the marriage and see that it conducted orderly and report at Next meeting

Asa Varney certificate

To Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends

Dear friends —

Asa Varney being about to proceed in Marriage with Alice N Estes a member of your Meeting

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requests our certificate this may certify on his behalf that he is a regular member of this meeting and clear of marriage engagements as far as appears
Signed by direction of Dover monthly Meeting of friends held 6th mo 26th 1844 by

Olney Thomson Clerk

Asa Varney consent of Parents

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends
This may certify that my son Asa Varney has my consent to proceed in marriage with Alice Estes a member of your Meeting
Farmington 6th mo 27th 1844

Hannah Varney

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again as usual the 4th 5th day of this month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

7th mo 1844

Berwick monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 7th mo 25th 1844

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Brackett and Isaac Han [illegible]

The committee in the case of William Whittier not being prepared to report are continued

Varney Estes marriage

The committee to attend the marriage of Asa Varney and Alice Estes inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The following bill from Asa Allen of $10,00 was accepted also the following bill from John Hussey of $2,00 was accepted

Asa Allens bill

Berwick Monthly Monthly meeting Dr
To 1 cord wood for Daniel Frye in 1843 $4.00
" 1½ cords do do do " 1844 " 6.00
$10.00

Asa Allen

Eliot 5th mo 20th 1844

John Hussey Bill

Berwick Mo Meeting Dr
To cutting Hay, & tending house in the last
month last — — — $2.00
1844 — John Hussey

30 dollars raised for the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor propose to raise the sum of thirty Dollars to defray the expenses of the Poor

William Hill Aaron Varney and Isaac Varney are appointed to propose at our next monthly Meeting the names of suitable persons for Clerk and assistant Clerk for the year ensuing

The following certificate in favour of ~~Richa~~ Richard Estman was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends State of Ohio

Dear Friends

Richard Estman having removed within the limits of your Meeting requests of us a removal certificate

Richard Estman

this may certify on his behalf that he is member of this Meeting and was a diligent attender of our Meetings when with us but some few of his debts remain unpaid as such we recommend him to your care and oversight

Signed in and on behalf of Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th mo 25th 1844

Pelatiah Hussey
Ann C Varney } Clerks

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

8th mo 1844

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 15th 1844

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are James Hussey Jr and Stephen Jenkins who are present,

Clerks Appointed

The committee of our last meeting to propose the Names of persons for Clerk and assistant Clerk proposed Pelatiah Hussey for Clerk and Albert C Buffum for Assistant who are appointed to that service for one year

The Queries were read in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly meeting to be held 22 Inst and we appoint Joshua Meader Joseph Bracket and Amoza Varney representatives thereto

The committee in the case of Wm Whittier not being prepared to report are continued

Alise A Varneys certificate

A removal certificate in favour of Alise A Varney was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk

John Hussey & Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to take the necessary care of the horses at our ~~next~~ Quarterly meeting.

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

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Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

9th mo 1844

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 26th 1844

The representatives from the preparative meeting are William Hill and James Hussey Jr who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting as representatives inform (all attended) they all

The committee in the case of William Whittier presented the following report which after a time of consideration was accepted and he is disowned from with us The womens meeting uniting therein and Benajah Buffum is appointed to inform thereof and report at meeting

homas
ones
minute

Our beloved friend Thomas Jones attended this Meeting with a satisfactory certificate from Durham Monthly Meeting dated 8th mo 20th 1844 his company and Gospel Labour have been acceptable to us

ohn
Buffum
minute

Our beloved friend John Buffum attended this meeting companion to our friend Thomas Jones with a satisfactory coppy of a minute from Durham Monthly Meeting dated 8th mo 20th 1844 his company has been acceptable to us — We are informed through the preparative Meeting that Moses Varney purposed publishing his intentions of marriage with Elmira Hussey

Moses
Varney
Publishd

at this meeting, they appeared and ~~publish~~ declared their intentions accordingly

The following request from Henry Estes to be reinstated to membership was received through the preparative meeting Joshua Meader and Benajah Buffum are appointed to visit him thereon and report at Next meeting

The womens meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to receive Mary H. Morrell into Membership with which this meeting unites

We are informed through the preparative Meeting that Joshua Buffum 2nd request a removal certificate to Providence monthly meeting Jedediah Hussey and William Hill are appointed to take the necessary care in the case and if no objection appears present one at next Meeting

Comm Scholars Providence

Joshua Meader William Hill and Joseph Meader are appointed to take the necessary care in case of scholars going from this Monthly Meeting to attend the friends boarding School at Providence

To the Monthly Meeting

Report Wm Whittier

Agreeable to appointment we have visited William Whittier and do not find him in such a situation of mind as ~~would~~ we think would make friends satisfaction for his transgressions which we submit

North Berwick 9th mo 26th 1844

Stephen Jenkins } Committee
William Jepson

To the Monthly Meeting

Request Henry Estes

I have for a long time had a wish to be reinstated to society & therefore request friends to extend their care over me

North Berwick 9th mo 19th 1844

Henry Estes

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clk

10th mo 1844

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 17th 1844

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Benajah Buffum and Albert C. Buffum who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint John D Lang Joseph Meader and William Hill representatives thereto

The friend appointed to ~~attend~~ inform William Whittier the decision of our last meeting in his case reports the service is accomplished

The committee in the case of Henry Estes presented the following report which after a time of consideration and he restored to membership with friends The womens Meeting uniting therein and Joshua Meader is appointed to inform him the decision of this Meeting

To the Monthly Meeting

According to appointment we have visited Henry Estes and conferred with him on the subject of his request we are satisfied it would be right to Grant his request and restore him to ~~member~~ membership with friends Which is submitted

North Berwick 10th m 17th 1849

Joshua Meader }
Benajah Buffum } Committee

Moses Varney having produced the following certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of his clearness to proceed in marriage with Elmira Hussey and consent of his parent they are left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of friends and Pelatiah Hussey and Peter McNeal are appointed to attend said marriage and see that it is conducted orderly and report at Next Meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends

By request of Moses Varney this certifies that he is a member of this meeting and is clear of marriage ~~ments~~ engagements amongst us as far as appears By direction and on behalf of Sandwich monthly meeting of friends held by adjournment
10th mo 13th 1849 Ezra Meader Clerk

This may certify that Moses Varney has my consent to proceed in the present prospect in Marriage Joseph Varney the committee to prepare a removal certificate for Joshua Buffum 2d presented the following which was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk

To Providence Monthly Meeting of friends

Joshua Buffum 2d now residing within the limits of your meeting request of us a removal certificate This may certify that he is a member of this meeting and frequently attended our meetings while with us his outward affairs are settled and he is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears

As such we recommend him to your care and oversight — Signed by direction of Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 17th 1844. Pelatiah Hussey } Clerk
Ann Elmira Jenny } Clerk for the day

the womens meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to receive Lydia Estes into membership with which this meeting unites

The Clerk is directed to forward to our friends Thomas Jones and John Buffum who were with us at our last meeting copies of the minutes then taken in their behalf

The following complaint is received from the overseers through the preparative meeting against David Allen Benjamin Buffum and Pelatiah Hussey are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting

To the Monthly Meeting

David Allen a member of this Society has gone out in dress and address as well as an almost entire neglect of our meetings he has also at times made an improper use of Ardent Spirits and of late married out of the order of friends to a woman not of our society — he has been ~~labored~~ with respecting most of the before
labored
mentioned deviations without the desired effect which is submitted. Joshua Meader Joseph Meader
North Berwick 10th mo 7th 1844 Joseph Brackett William Hill
Overseers

Moses Varney having requested the privilge of ~~having~~ accomplishing his marrige at the close of this meeting we have concluded to grant his request having the concurrance of the womens meeting therein

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

11th mo 1844

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 25th 1844

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Joseph Meader who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meetings as representatives inform they all attended

Nathan Jenkins published

We are informed through the preparative Meeting that Nathan Jenkins purposes publishing his intentions of Marriage with Content C Jenkins at this Meeting they appeared and declared their intentions accordingly

The committee to attend the Marriage of Moses Varney and Elmira Hussey inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The committee in the case of David Allen inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

[illegible] E. Allen Jr

the following complaint is received from the overseers through the preparative Meeting against Elijah Allen Jr Albert G Hussey and Joseph Breckit are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting

We are informed through the preparative Meeting that William Hussey requests a certificate to Dover Monthly meeting expressing his clearness to proceed in marriage with Mary Jane Hanson Joshua Meader & Joseph Meader are appointed

to make suitable enquiry and if no objection
appears present one at Next Meeting

We have received at this time a coppy of the report
of the committee having the superintendance of the
Boarding School at Providence for 1844 which
was read and is satisfactory

We have received at this time 40 coppies, forwarded
by our Quarterly Meeting, of an ancient Epistle
from friends met in London 1673 which are
directed to be distributed amongst our Members

E. Allen Jr complained

To the Preparative Meeting

It appears that Elijah Allen Jr has for a —
considerable time very much neglected the
attendance of our religious Meetings and of late
Married out of the order of Friends to a woman
not of our Society — We thought it would be best
to submit the case to the Preparative Meeting

North Berwick 11 mo 21st 1844 Joshua Meader
William Hill
Joseph Meader
Joseph Buckup
Overseers

Wm Hussey adjourned

Wm Hussey having requested ~~that~~ this meeting
to be adjourned for the purpose of granting his
certificate to proceed in marriage to present at
next Dover Monthly Meeting We have concluded
to grant his request ~~his request~~ This Meeting
is accordingly adjourned to ½ past ten o clock
A.M. on the day of our next preparative Meeting
Delotiah Hussey Clerk

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at North Berwick by adjournment 12 th mo 19th 1844

The following certificate in favour of William
was read and directed to be signed by the Clk

To Dover Monthly Meeting

William Hussey requesting a few lines signifying his
clearness to proceed in Marriage with Mary
Jane Hanson a member of your meeting

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Wm Hussey certificate

this may ~~certify~~ inform that he is a member of this meeting and clear of Marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears
Signed by direction of Berwick monthly meeting held at North Berwick ~~by adj~~ adjournment
12th mo 19th 1844

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again as usual on the 4th 6th day of this month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

12th mo 1844

Berwick monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 26th 1844

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Benajah Buffum and William Jepson who are present

Nathan Jenkins married

Nathan Jenkins having produced the following certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting of his clearness to proceed in Marriage with Content C Jenkins and consent of Parents he is left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of friends and Benajah and William Hill are appointed to attend said Marriage ~~see~~ that it is conducted orderly and report at next meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Nathan Jenkins having requested a certificate to ~~your Meeting~~ to accomplish Marriage, this is to ~~in~~ inform you that he is a member of our Meeting and Nothing appears to obstruct his proceeding in Marriage with Content C Jenkins a member of your Meeting

Signed on behalf of Salem Monthly held at Lynn 12 of 12th mo 1844 Samuel Boyce Clerk

Sophronia Page Clerk

The committee in the case of David Allen not inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The Committee in the case of Elijah Allen & not being prepared to report ~~they~~ are continued

The following ~~request~~ from Henry & Lydia Estes is received ~~through~~ the Preparative Meeting that their children named therein Minors may be received into membership with friends this meeting has concluded to grant the request the womens meeting uniting therein

Com Overseers

The time for which our overseers were appointed having expired James Hussey Andrew Austin and Elijah Neal are appointed to propose at our next Monthly meeting the names of suitable persons for that station the ensuing year

A removal certificate in favour of Benjamin H Varney was read and directed to be signed by the clerk

committee Meeting house & fires

Peletiah Hussey Joseph Meader and Robert G. Hussey are appointed to take the necessary care of our Meeting house and fires the ensuing year

The following bill from Edward Buffum was read and accepted

Berwick Monthly Meeting
To Edward Buffum Dr
For building fires in meeting house and ~~to~~ sweeping the same one year $8.00
North Berwick 12th mo 26th 1844 Edward Buffum

A returning Minute in favour of Hannah Morell is received from Swansey Monthly Meeting, which was read is Satisfactory

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month   Peletiah Hussey

To the Monthly meeting of Friends in Berwick

Dear friends we hereby certify you that we give our consent that our son Nathan Jenkins should proceed in marriage with Content C Jenkins

New Garden Ohio 8th mo 3d 1844   Joshua Jenkins
Sibil Jenkins

1st mo 1845

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 15th 1845

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Joshua Meader who are present

The Queries were read in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Rochester 23d inst and we appoint William H Hill John D Long and Isaac Varney representatives thereto

The friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Nathan Jenkins and Content C Jenkins inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly

The committee in the case of David Allen inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee in the case of Elijah Allen Jr not being prepared to report they are continued

The committee appointed at our last meeting to propose the names of suitable persons for

Overseers Apptd

Overseers presented the following viz Joshua Meader William Hill Joseph Meader and Joseph Bracket which were united with and they appointed to that service for one year -

Stephen Jenkins ~~Joseph~~ Joseph Meader and William Hill are appointed Overseers of the poor for one year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

2nd mo 1845

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2nd mo 27th 1845

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin and Moses Varney who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

David Allen Disowned

The committee in the case of David Allen presented the following report which was accepted and he is disowned from membership with friends the womens meeting uniting therein and Caleb Cole is appointed to inform him the decision of this meeting and report — To the Monthly Meeting

We have conferred with David Allen on the subject of his complaint and can perceive no prospect of his making friends satisfaction for his transgression of the order of society

Benajah Buffum
Pelatiah Hussey

North Berwick 2nd mo 27th 1845 Committee

The committee in the case of Elijah Allen Jr

E Allen Jr disowned

presented the following report which was accepted and he is disowned from membership with friends, having the concurrence of the womens Meeting therein and Amasa Varney is appointed to inform him the decision of this meeting and report

To the Monthly Meeting

We have visited Elijah Allen Jr concerning the charges in the complaint against him and we think he is not disposed to make friends satisfaction for his transgression of the order of Society

North Berwick 2mo 27th 1845

Joseph Bracket
Albert G Hussey
Committee

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in Next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

3d mo 1845

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 3mo 27th 1845—

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Isaac Varney who were present — The friend appointed to inform David Allen the decision of this meeting in his case informs the service is accomplished — The friend appointed to inform Elijah Allen Jr the decision of this meeting in his case reports the service is accomplished

David Allen informed

E Allen Jr informed

The following request from Elijah & Eliza G Varney that their Children named therein ~~should~~ may be received into membership with friends — This meeting has concluded to grant the request and they are accordingly received the womens meeting uniting therein

E Varney Request

To the preparative meeting

We request that our Children Ezekiel and Sarah Marrows may be received in membership with friends

Elijah Varney
Eliza G Varney

North Berwick 3mo 20th 1845

George Estes having requested a certificate to Weare Monthly Meeting setting forth his clearness to proceed in Marriage with Mary Greene Benajah Buffum and William Hill are appointed to take suitable care in the case and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

Our business being accomplished we conclude — intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk p tm

4th mo 1845

Berwick Monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 17th 1845

The representatives from the preparative — Meeting are Benajah Buffum and Johnathan Buffum who are present — A part of the committee appointed

Q Mtgs com Present at our Quarterly Meeting in the 4th mo last to visit Subordinate Meetings families and individuals are present at this time who presented a minute of their appointment

The Queries were read in this meeting with the following answers which we forward to our — Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dover 24th Inst and we appoint Benajah Buffum Joseph Meader and Isaac Varney representatives thereto

Isaac Varney Wm Hill and Joseph Meader are —

Comm Appointment appointed to apportion amongst our members the several sums of Money which it may be necessary to raise to defray the expenses of this Meeting for one year

Treasurer William Hill is appointed Treasurer to this Meeting for one year

Our treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer — A removal certificate in favour of Content C Jenkins was presented by the womens Meeting which was directed to be signed by the Clerk

Also a removal certificate to Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in favour of Sarah Stackpole which was directed to be signed by the Clerk

Ans 1st Our Meetings have been ~~attended~~ kept and those on first days have been attended by most of our members but in the middle of the week and for Disipline a slackness has been — apparant The hour pretty well observed Carefull as to unbecoming behaviour except a few instances of sleeping.

2d Love and unity we think are pretty well maintaind amongst us except in a few instances — There appears a care on the minds of most friends to guard against Detraction but we fear that all are not so carefull in this respect as would be best Endeavours have been used to end differences when they have arisen

3d There appears a care with many friends to bring up their families in a good degree of plainness as queried after but there are some instances where there appears too much of a departure more particularly in that of dress — There — appears a good degree of care as respects the other parts of this Query. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families

4th Carefull in these respects as far as we know except one instance of using spirituous liquors ~~except~~ other than for medicine where some care has been taken

5th Care has been taken in these particulars

6th Clear except one instance of marrying and another of keeping company in order for marriage out of Society some care taken

7th Clear — 8th Generally carefull in these respects

9th Our records are attended to generally as queried after Carefull as to certificates

10th Some care has been taken to deal with offenders but we are sensible of a shortness in this respect more particularly in timely dealing.

Judgment has been placed when it appeard necessary

The committee to prepare a certificate to Weare Monthly Meeting in favour of George Estes presented the following which was directed to be signed by the Clerk

To Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends

Geo Estes certificate

Dear friends George Estes having requested a Certificate signifying his clearness to proceed in marriage with Mary

The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed. Pelatiah Hussey is appointed Clerk to this meeting for one year

Clerk appointed

The Queries were read in this Meeting with answers to the first second and tenth which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint Isaac Varney William Hill and Joseph Meader representatives thereto

Isaac Varney and Albert G Hussey are appointed to make suitable preparations and take the necessary care at our ~~Quarter~~ Quarterly Meeting

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month — Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

9 Mon 1845

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 25th 1845

The representatives from the preparative meeting are Joseph Meader and Isaac Varney who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

representatives inform they all attended

the following Bill Asa Allen was read and accepted

Berwick Monthly Meeting Dr

To 1 1/2 cords wood delivered Daniel Fry the past Winter $6,00.

Eliot 16th 4th mo 1845 Asa Allen

8th mo 1845

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 21st 1845

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Nicholas Estes and Albert [illegible] who are present

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 16th 1845

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G. Hussey and Aaron Varney who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and the appoint Joseph Meader Isaac Varney and Andrew Austin representatives thereto

The following coppy of a minute from the Select Meeting proposing the appointment of Joseph Meader and Mehitable Meader to the Station of Elders was united with and they are accordingly appointed to that Station the womens Meeting uniting therein and the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting a coppy of this Minute

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lders

this Meeting is united in proposing to Berwick Monthly Meeting the appointment of Joseph Meader and Mahitable Meader to the Station of Elders

Extracted from the Minutes of Meeting for Ministers and Elders held at North Berwick 10th mo 14th 1845

Joshua Meader Clerk for this time

William Hill Pelatiah Hussey Isaac Varney and Aaron Varney are appointed to prepare a suitable Minute to Stand on the records of this Meeting setting forth the causes which have transpired to produce the unpleasant seperation which has taken place ~~amongst us~~ in this Meeting

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Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

11th mo 1845

Berwick Monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 27th 1845

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney and Andrew Austin who are present except Andrew Austin

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

The committee of last Month to prepare a Suitable Minute to stand on the records of this Meeting seting forth the causes which have transpired to produce the unplesent seperation which has taken place in this Meeting inform they have taken care in the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

12th Mo 1845

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 25th 1845

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Isaac Varney who are present

The reason Given by Andrew Austin for his absence at our last Meeting was satisfactory

The committee to prepare a statement to stand on our record, of the causes which have transpired to cause the unplesent seperation among us not being prepared to report are continued

Albert G Hussey Aaron Varney and William Hill are appointed to take the necessary care of our Meeting house Lot and fires for the year ensuing

fires
ouse Lot

Our business being we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

1st mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo 15th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are who are present

Our Clerk not being present Albert G Hussey is appointed Clerk for the day

* The committee to prepare statements to stand on our records of the causes which have transpired to produce the unpleasant separation amongst us not being prepared to report are continued

The time having expired for which our Overseers were appointed Wm Hill Isaac Varney and Joseph Meader were appointed to that service for one year

* The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint William Hill Isaac Varney and Albert G Hussey representatives thereto

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

2d Mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2d mo 26th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader and Pelatiah Hussey who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

The committee to prepare a statement to stand on our records of the causes which have transpired to cause the unpleasant separation amongst us — inform they have given attention to the subject but are not prepared to report they are continued

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

3d mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3d 26th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey & Isaac Varney who are present

The Clerk of this meeting not being present Albert C. Hussey is appointed Clerk for the day

The Committee to prepare a Statement to stand on our records of the causes which have transpired to produce the unpleasant separation amongst us presented the following which is united with and directed to be recorded the womens meeting uniting therewith.

To Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable statement to stand upon our records setting forth the causes which have transpired to produce the painful separation amongst us, Reports: That they have given attention to the subject of their appointment and have thought it sufficient for the present purpose to present the following brief narrative of events — The primary causes of the separation appear to have been 1st an attempt on a part of several of the most prominent and active members of our Yearly meeting to introduce into our society doctrines at variance with those promulgated by and supported by ancient Friends, — And secondly in order to accomplish this object a direct attempt to violate and pervert our Christian Discipline. But failing in this while maintaining their connection with sound Friends a large number have voluntarily withdrawn from Society and established separate Meetings under our name — A portion of those prominent & influential Members having embraced & defended the unsound doctrines set forth in the writings of Joseph John Gurney, And these having been opposed and testified against by sound & faithful Friends who were zealous for the maintainance of our principles in their original purity, the Monthly Meeting of which such sound Friends were members was discontinued and they & other Friends denied the right of membership. A separation was also commenced & carried into effect in Swansey Monthly Meeting in the 8th 1844 and this as well as well as that in the Monthly Meeting before alluded to was brought about through the influence of and under the direction of those same disaffected persons: And a separation in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was the result

At our Monthly Meeting in the 12th m 1844 a Circular was received from our Meeting for Sufferings purporting to give an account of the separation in those and directed to the 2 separation Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, which being read in our preparative and also in our Monthly Meeting when it was proposed by a member who had identified himself with those who had embraced the above named unsound doctrines, that a minute be made on our minutes acknowledging the receipt & reading of the aforesaid Circular; but the proposition meeting with no support from any other member, and several Friends expressing themselves in favour of its deferred untill after our next Yearly Meeting; believing that it contained a partial and in some respects an incorrect account of what it pretended to set forth in truth, it was not recorded

At our Quarterly Meeting in the 4th mo 1845 it was proposed that no person should be appointed representative to our Yearly Meeting who was not satisfied with the proceedings of that ~~meeting~~ body in this matter; and that the members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting should be excluded from nominating or being nominated to that service, which was united with by a large number of the members of our Monthly Meeting & some from Swansey.

Monthly Meeting who have since identified themselves with the separatists and finally acted upon as a conclusion of the meeting. And then notwithstanding the earnest and repeated solicitations of friends, the meeting refused to enter such conclusion upon its records in accordance with our discipline

A separation occurred at our Yearly Meeting in 6th mo last. And in the 8th mo the time having expired for which the clerks of this meeting was appointed the former Clerk opened the meeting and gave the information that having been the most usual course — A friend then arose & proposed that the former Clerk be reappointed: Another person rose at the same time and & proposed the reading of the minute of appointment of a Quarterly meetings committee some of whom were in attendance: but in as much as the time had expired for which the Clerk was appointed and that was the subject before the meeting this proposition was objected to, The nomination of the former Clerk having been united with by those members of the meeting whose lives have been such as to secure to themselves the confidence of their friends and whose decisions have been relied on in all the important affairs of the church for many years past, the former Clerk believed it to be his duty to form and read a minute of his appointment which was accordingly done

Those persons opposed to the above appointment then in a disorderly manner appointed a Clerk and adjourned their Meeting leaving Friends in the house to transact their business

Our business being accomplished we concluded intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Albert G Huss clerk for the day

4th Mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 15th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader & Isaac Varney who were present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the following answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 23d instant and we appoint Joshua Meader William Hill and Isaac Varney representatives thereto

Wm Hill is appointed Treasurer to this Meeting for one year

We have directed our Treasurer to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

Ans 1st All our Meetings both for worship & discipline are duly attended and the hour observed. We know of no instances of sleeping amongst us Clear of other unbecoming behaviour

2d Love & Unity are in good degree maintained & Detraction guarded against We know of no differences amongst us

3d We believe there is a good degree of care upon the minds of Friends of ~~Friends~~ to bring up those under their direction as queried after and that they are good examples to them themselves We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

4th Careful in the several particulars of this query

5 Clear as far as appears = Ans 6th Clear except one or two instances of marrying out

Ans 7th Clear Ans 8th Clear so far as we know

9th Careful as to recording, Clear as to certificates

10th We think that care rests on the minds of Friends to deal with offenders as queried after tho we are sensible more timely care in some instances would be better. Those who have separated from us since our last Yearly Meeting have not been dealt with the foregoing answers applying only to those who remain with Friends. Clear as to placing Judgment

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

5th mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th 28th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are William Hill and Aaron Varney who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk.

6th mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 25th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Isaac Varney who are present

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

7th Mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th mo 23d 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin and William Hill who are present

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month   Peletiah Hussey Clerk

8th mo 19th 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 20th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney and Albert G Hussey who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint Joseph Meader William Hill and Albert G Hussey representatives thereto

Albert G Hussey and Isaac Varney are appointed to make suitable preparations and take the necessary care at our Quarterly Meeting

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month   Peletiah Hussey Clerk

The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Peletiah Hussey is appointed to that service for one year

9th mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 24th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Isaac Varney and Andrew Austin who are present — The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

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10th Mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 15th 1846

The representations from the preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin & Wm Hill who are present

Our Clerk being absent Albert G Hussey is appointed Clerk for this time

The queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers, which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint Joshua Meader Isaac Varney and Albert G Hussey representatives thereto

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month ——— Pelatiah Hussey Clk

11th mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 26th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Moses Varney and William Hill who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives, inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

12th Mo 1846

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 24th 1846

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Isaac Varney and Albert G Hussey who are present

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Pelatiah Hussey Wm Hill Aaron Varney and Andrew Austin are appointed to take the necessary care of our Meeting house and lot the ensuing year

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Mtg have been read at this time which are satisfactory and Pelatiah Hussey is appointed to append to our books of discipline that portion of said minute, suspending the portion of discipline which requires that publick Meetings for worship be held at Portsmouth Rhode Island on the first day of Yearly Meeting week and report

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

1st mo 1847

Berwick Mo. Mtg of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 21st 1847

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney and Andrew Austin who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint Timothy Varney Joseph Meader and Isaac Varney representatives thereto

The following complaint was received from the overseers against John D Lang Timothy Varney and Aaron Varney are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

John D Lang formerly a Minister in Unity with Friends has for a considerable length of time united in action with other members of this Yearly Meeting who are upholding doctrines at variance with the principles of our religious society and who have openly violated its wholesome discipline by procuring the disownment of one or more Friends in opposition to the rules and provisions established therein

He has also been active in producing a separation in our meetings for discipline and in holding others under our name contrary to the good order of — Society since which he has not attended our — religious Meetings — Some of us have visited him in relation to his transgression, but he appearing disposed to justify himself in the course he has been pursuing we have concluded to submit his case to the notice of the Meeting

No Berwick 1st mo 14th 1847
Joseph Meader
William Hill
Isaac Varney
Overseers

The following complaint was received from the Overseers through the preparative Meeting against William Hussey William Hill and Albert G Hussey are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends,

William Hussey a member of this Meeting has assisted in producing a separation in this Meeting and in holding other Meetings under our name contrary to the good order and discipline of our — society he has frequently with others attended — unjustly to deprive friends of the use of this Meeting house and on one occasion disturbed our womens Meeting for discipline by remaining therein although requested to withdraw He has also for a considerable time neglected the ~~atten~~ attendance of our meetings for worship and discipline We have treated with him concerning the above transgressions of the order of society but he manifesting no disposition to make Friends — Satisfaction we think it best to submit his case to the meeting

No Berwick 1 mo 14th 1847
Joseph Meader
William Hill
Isaac Varney
Overseers

The following complaint was received from the Overseers through the preparative Meeting against Benjamin Buffum Aaron Varney and Andrew Huston are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Benjamin Buffum a member of this meeting has for some time past neglected the attendance of our religious meetings and those for discipline he has also been active in producing a Secession among us and in setting up and supporting separate meetings under our name contrary to the good order and discipline of our society for which he has been treated with but he seems to justify his course and does not manifest any disposition to make friends satisfaction which we submit to the meeting

William Hill
North Berwick 1st mo 11th 1847 Joseph Meader
Isaac Varney Overseers

The following complaint was received from the Overseers through the preparative Meeting against Elijah Varney Albert G Hussey and Joshua Meader are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Elijah Varney a member of our meeting has assisted in producing a separation in this Meeting and in holding other Meetings under our name contrary to the good order and discipline of our society — He has with others attempted unjustly to deprive friends of the use of their meeting house and has for considerable length of time neglected the attendance of our Meetings both for worship and discipline — We have treated with him concerning the above violations of the order of society but he manifesting no disposition to make friends satisfaction we think it best to submit his case to the meeting

William Hill
No Berwick 1st mo 13th 1847 Joseph Meader
Isaac Varney Overseers

The following complaint was rec'd from the Overseers against William Jepson Peletiah Hussey and Joseph Meader are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

William Jepson a member of this meeting has assisted in producing a seperation in this Meeting and in holding other Meetings under our name contrary to the good order and discipline of our Society He has with others attempted ~~to~~ unjustly to deprive Friends of the use of their Meeting-house and in one instance disturbed our womens Meeting for discipline by remaining therein after requested to withdraw — He has also for a considerable length of time neglected the attendance of our Meetings for worship and discipline — We have treated with him concerning the above transgressions of the order and dicipline of society but he manifesting no disposition to make friends satisfaction we think it best to submit his case to the meeting

No Berwick 1st mo 14th 1846 William Hill
Joseph Meader
Isaac Varney Overseers

The following complaint was received from the overseers through the preparative Meeting against Mark Allen Isaac Varney and Peletiah Hussey are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Mark Allen a member of our society has for some time past been in the habit of making an improper use of spirituous Liquers for which he has been treated with without the desired effect He has also of late wholly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings — which we submit to the notice of the meeting

North Berwick 1st mo 13th 1846 Joseph Meader
William Hill Overseers
Isaac Varney

Overseers appointed

The time having expired for which our overseers were appointed Joseph Meader Joshua Meader and William Hill are appointed to the service of Overseers to this Meeting for one year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Hatevil Hussey Clerk

2nd Mo 1847

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2nd mo 25th 1847

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Joseph Meader who are present

Our beloved Friend Nathan Page attended this Meeting with a satisfactory coppy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting held 1st mo 14th 1847 and endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting held 1st mo 21st 1847 His company and religious services are satisfactory to us the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a coppy of this minute and sign it on the Meetings behalf

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

The committee in the case of John G. Lang inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee in the case of William Hussey inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee in the case of Benajah Buffum presented the following report which is accepted and he is accordingly disowned from membership with Friends the womens meeting uniting therein and Hatevil Hussey is appointed to inform him thereof and of his right of appeal according to discipline and report at next meeting

To the Monthly Meeting

We have visited Benajah Buffum on account of the transgressions expressed in the complaint [illegible]

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against him, and find him not disposed in any way to make Friends satisfaction for his violations of discipline and we are not enabled to perceive that any benefit will result to society by retaining him in membership with Friends which we submit to the Meeting

North Berwick 2nd mo 15th 1847 Aaron Varney
Nathan Austin

The committee in the case of Elijah Varney inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee in the case of William Jepson inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee in the case of Mark Allen inform they have given attention to the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

3rd Mo 1847

Berwick Monthly of Friends held at North Berwick 3rd mo 25th 1847

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G. Hussey and [illegible] are present

John D. Lang disowned

The committee continued at our last Meeting in the case of John D. Lang presented the following report which after a time of consideration is accepted and he is accordingly disowned from membership with Friends the womens Meeting uniting therein and Pelatiah Hussey is appointed to inform him of the decision of this Meeting and his right of appeal according to discipline and report. To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

One of us have visited John D. Lang on the subject of complaint against him

He refused to acknowledge us as a committee of the Monthly Meeting and justified himself in his transgressions of the order of society

expressed in said complaint
We think the cause of truth would not be — advanced by further waiting on him and that no benefit would result by retaining him any longer a member of Friends Society
North Berwick 3rd mo 13th 1847 Timothy Varney
Aaron Varney } Committee

The committee in the case of William Hussey presented the following report which is accepted and this Meeting has concluded to disown him from Friends Society with which the Womens Meeting unites and Aaron Varney is appointed to inform him the decision of this meeting and his right of appeal and report to next meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
Agreeable to appointment we have visited William Hussey in order to confer with him on the — charges contained in the complaint against but he refused to receive us as a committee and justified his conduct and condemned Friends in the fullest terms unjustly censuring some of them and indulging in a violent strain of detraction
We do not think that any good would result to him or society in longer waiting on him which we submit to the Meeting
North Berwick 3rd mo 24th 1847 William Hill
Albert G Hussey } Committee

Wm Hussey disowned

The Friend appointed to inform Benjamin Huffum of his disownment from Friends Society informs the service is accomplished
The committee in the case of Elijah Varney inform they are not prepared to report they are continued
m The committee in the case of William Jepson inform they have taken care in the case but are not ready to report they are continued

Mark Allen disowned

The committee in the case of Mark Allen — presented the following report which is accepted and he is accordingly disowned from Friends society the womens meeting uniting therein and Isaac Varney is appointed to inform him the decision of this Meeting and his right of appeal in accordance with discipline and report at next Meeting

To the Monthly meeting

We have visited Mark Allen and find him not disposed to make Friends satisfaction for the transgressions expressed in the complaint against him. We think that further waiting on him would be unavailing and that it will not be best to retain him any longer in membership with Friends

No Berwick 3rd mo 24th 1847 Isaac Varney
Pelatiah Hussey
the Committee

Disowns Hannah Merrill Comfort Neal Elizabeth Estes, Elizabeth Prescott

The Womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Hannah Merrill with which this Meeting unites, Also that they have concluded to disown Comfort Neal with which this Meeting unites, they have concluded also to disown Elizabeth Estes with which this Meeting unites they also inform they have concluded to disown Elizabeth Prescott with which this Meeting unites

Our business being accomplished we conclude adjourning to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

4th mo 1847

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 15th 1847

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney & William Hall who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the following answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint Joseph Meader Wm Hill and Isaac Varney representatives thereto

Ans 1st All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended the hour observed we know of no unbecoming behaviour amongst us mostly clear of sleeping

2d Love and Unity appear to be maintained among Friends and detraction guarded against we know of no differences amongst us

3d We believe a concern rests on the minds of Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness to restrain from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world likewise to be good examples herein themselves, we think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

4th Careful in these respects

5th Clear as far as appears

6 Clear except one or two instances and some care taken

7 Clear

8 Careful in the several particulars of this Query

9th Carefull as to recording Clear as to certificates

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in some measure as required after yet there are many cases of those who have ~~[illegible]~~ from friends which require our attention, Judgment has been placed where it appeared necessary

This Meeting is united with the select meeting in approving of the public appearances ~~of Mary S Varney~~ in the Ministry of Mary S Varney the womens Meeting uniting therein and the Clerk is directed to forward to our Quarterly Meeting ~~the~~ necessary information —

The friend appointed to inform William Hussey of his disownment from Friends Society informs the service is accomplished

The committee in the case of Elijah Varney inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

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The committee in the case of William Jepson presented the following report which after a time of consideration is accepted and he is accordingly disowned from Friends Society the Womens Meeting uniting therein Aaron Varney is appointed to inform him of the decision of this Meeting and of his right of appeal and report at next Meeting

Wm Jepson Disown

To Berwick Monthly Meeting

We have visited William Jepson and conferred with him on the subject of complaint against him he justifies himself in the ~~transgression~~, ~~alledged~~ alledged against him and is not disposed to make Friends satisfaction for the same

We think that further waiting on him or retaining him a member of society would not be best

Joseph Meader
North Berwick 4th 15th 1847 Peletiah Hussey Committee

The Friend appointed to inform Mark Allen of the decision of this Meeting in his case informs the service is not accomplished he is continued to inform him and report at next Meeting

Isaac Varney is appointed treasurer of this Meeting for one year

Peletiah Hussey Edward Buffum and William Hill are appointed to solicit subscriptions for our Yearly Meeting stock and pay the same to the treasurer when collected

Our treasurer is ~~directed to~~ forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Quarterly Meeting treasurer. Our business being accomplished We conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month. Peletiah Hussey Clerk

By Amount received from ~~an~~ the Meeting and proportion of yearly Meeting stock for 1846 is $4 20

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 15th 1847

The representatives from the preparative Meeting Aaron Varney and William Hill who are present

The Queries were read in this meeting with the following Answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint Joseph Meader William Hill and Isaac Varney representatives thereto

Ans 1st All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended the hour observed we know of no unbecoming behaviour amongst us Mostly clear of sleeping

Ans 2d Love and Unity appear to be maintained amongst friends and detraction guarded against we know of no differences amongst us

3d We believe ~~there is a care~~ a concern rests on the minds of Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world likewise to be good examples in themselves we think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families

4th Carefull in these respects
5th Clear as far as appears
6th Clear except one or two instances & some are taken
7th Clear
8 carefull in the several particulars of this query
9th Carefull as to recording clear as to certificates
10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in some measure as queried after yet there are many cases of those who have seceded from friends which require our attention judgment has been placed where it has appeared necessary

This Meeting is united with the select Meeting in the approving of the publick appearances in the ministry of Mary S Varney and the Clerk is directed to forward to the Quarterly Meeting the necessary information

the friend appointed to inform William Hussey
the decision of this Meeting his case and of his
right of appeal informs the service is accomplished
— The committee in the case of Elijah Varney
inform they are not prepared to report they are
continued

The committee in the case of William Jepson
presented the following report which after a
time of consideration is accepted and he is
accordingly disowned from friends society the
Womens Meeting uniting therein & Aaron Varney
is appointed to inform him the decision of this
Meeting and of his right of appeal & report at
next Meeting

To the Monthly Meeting

We have visited William Jepson on account
of the complaint against him. He
justifies himself in the transgressions expressed
in the complaint and does not appear
disposed to make friends satisfaction for
his transgressions of the order and discipline
of Society We do not think that further
waiting on him or retaining him in membership
with friends

Pelatiah Hussey
North 4th 1 Mo 15th 1847 Joseph Mather Com.

Wm Jepson Disowned

The friend appointed to inform Mark Allen the
decision of this meeting in his case informs the
Service is not accomplished he is continued

Isaac Varney is appointed treasurer of this
Meeting for one year

Pelatiah Hussey Edward Buffum and William Hill
are appointed to solicit subscriptions for our
yearly meeting stock and pay the same to
our treasurer when collected

The treasurer is directed to pay our proportion
of yearly Meeting stock to the Quarterlys Meetings treasurer

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month Peletiah Hussey Clerk

5th mo 1847

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 27th 1847

the representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney and Isaac Varney who are present

We are informed that the friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting ~~all attended~~ all except one for whose absense a satisfactory reason was given

The committee in the case of Elijah Varney — presented the following report which after a time of consideration was accepted and he is ~~accomplished~~ accordingly disowned from friends society the womens meeting uniting therein and Peletiah Hussey is appointed to inform him thereof and report at Next meeting

~~The friend~~ To the Monthly Meeting

One of us have visited Elijah on the subject of complaint against him but he refused to acknowledge us a committee from the Berwick Monthly meeting and does not appear disposed to make friends satisfaction for his transgressions of the order of society

We think it would not be best to wait longer on him or retain him a member of Friends society North Berwick 5th mo 26th 1847 Jabez Meader

Albert G Hussey

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The friend appointed to inform William Jepson the decision of this meeting in his case and of his right of appeal informs that service is accomplished

The friend is continued to inform Mark Allen the desesion of this Meeting in this case

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is continued to the service for which he was appointed
The friend appointed to inform John D Lang of his disownment from Friends society and of his right of appeal in accordance with discipline informs the service is accomplished
Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Peletiah Hussey Clerk

6th mo 1847

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 24th 1847
The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Abel Varney who are present
The friend appointed to inform Elijah Varney the decision of this Meeting in his case informs the Service is not accomplished the case is continued under his care
The friend appointed to inform Mark Allen the decision of this meeting in his case and of his right of appeal informs the service is accomplished
The representative who was absent at our last meeting has given a satisfactory reason for not being present
Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month
Peletiah Hussey Clerk

7th Mo 1847

Berwick monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 7th mo 22d 1847
The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Andrew Hutchin and Timothy Varney who are present
The friend appointed to inform Elijah Varney the decision of this Meeting in his case and of his right of appeal in accordance with discipline informs the service is

The following complaint is received from the - Overseers through the preparative Meeting against Josiah Prescot Albert G Hussey and Aaron Varney are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting

To Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends

Complaint Josiah Prescot

Josiah Prescot a member of our Meeting has for a considerable time neglected the attendance of our meetings for which he has been laboured with without producing any apparent change he still continuing to attend seperate meetings for dicipline which has been set up under our name contrary to the good order of Society

North Berwick 7th mo 15th 1847

Joseph Meader } Overseers
William Hill }

The following complaint is received from the overseers through the preparative Meeting against William Robinson Timothy Varney and Andrew Austin are appointed to visit him thereon and report at Next meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Compt Wm Robinson

William Robinson a member of our Meeting has for a long time wholly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings and those for discipline we have visited and treated with him on account of his outgoings and endeavoured to convince him of his error but he justifies the course he is pursuing in attending and supporting Meetings contrary to the good order and discipline of our Society which we submit to the meeting

North Berwick 7th mo 15th 1847 Joseph Meader
William Hill Overseers

The following complaint is received from the overseers through the preparative Meeting against Albert C Buffum Pelatiah Hussey and Aaron Varney are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Complaint of A. C. Buffum

Albert C. Buffum a member of our Meeting has for a length of time wholly neglected the attendance of our Meetings and has aided in setting up and supporting separate Meetings under our name — against the order and discipline of our Society for which he has been treated with ~~without~~ ~~but~~ he appears to justify the course he is pursuing which is submitted to the Meeting

North Berwick 7th mo 15th 1847 Joseph Meader
William Hill Committee

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

8th Mo 1847

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 19th 1847

The representatives from the preparative Meeting Timothy Varney & Albert G Hussey who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 26th inst and we appoint William Hill Aaron Varney & Joseph Meader representatives thereto

The committee in case of Josiah Prescot not being prepared to report at this time the case is continued under their care

The committee in the case of William Robinson inform it has received their attention but they are not prepared to report it is continued under their care

The committee in the case of Albert C Buffum presented the following report which after a time of consideration was accepted and he is accordingly disowned

Albert C Buffum Disowned

from membership with friends the womens — Meeting Uniting therein and Albert G Hussey is appointed to inform him the decision of this Meeting and his right of appeal and report at next Meeting

To the Monthly Meeting

According to appointment we have visited Albert C Buffum & confered with him on account of the complaint against him He does not appear disposed in any way to make Friends satisfaction for his transgressions of the order & discipline of society — We think there is no prospect of reclaiming him at present and that it will not be best to retain him in membership with Friends

Aaron Varney } Committee
No Berwick 8th mo 19th 1847 Pelatiah Hussey

The womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Salome C Brackett with which this Meeting unites

They also inform they have concluded to — disown Cynthia Buffum with which this Meeting unites

William Hill Aaron Varney and Albert G Hussey are appointed to make the — necessary Provisions and ~~take~~ necessary care at our Quarterly Meeting

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

9th Mo 1847

Berwick Monthly of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 23d 1847

The representatives from the preparative are Edward Buffum and William Hill who are present

The time Having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Pelatiah Hussey being nominated and united with is appointed that service for one year

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

The committee in the case of Josiah Prescot inform they have given attention to the case but are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee in the case of William Robinson inform they have not succeeded in having an opertunity with him and are not prepared to report they are continued

The friend appointed to inform Albert C. Buffum the decision of this meeting in his case and of his rights of appeal informs the service is accomplished

The womens Meeting informs they have come to the conclusion to disown Mary Hussey with which this meeting unites

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey

10th mo 1817

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 21st 1817

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney & Albert G. Hussey who are present

The Queries were read in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 28th inst. and we appoint Andrew Austin

Isaac Varney and Joseph Meader representatives thereto

The committee in the case of Josiah Prescot presented the following report which is accepted and he is disowned from Friends Society the womens Meeting uniting therein and Pelatiah Hussey is appointed to inform the decision of this Meeting & of his right of appeal and report at next meeting

(Josiah Prescott disowned)

"To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
We have visited Josiah Prescot on the subject of complaint ~~against~~ brought against him we find him disposed to justify the course he has pursued and not willing to make friends satisfaction for his transgressions of the order & discipline of Society
We think further labour with him would be unavailing
10th mo 21st 1847
Aaron Varney
Albert G Hussey Committee

The committee in case of William Robinson presented the following report which is accepted and he is disowned from friends Society the womens Meeting uniting therein & Aaron Varney is appointed to inform the decision of this meeting and of his right of appeal and report at next meeting

(Wm Robinson disowned)

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
We have visited William Robinson and endeavoured to convince him of his misconduct for which he was complained of but he does not appear to be disposed to make ~~s~~satisfaction but justifies himself in the course he is pursuing — We think any further labour would be of no use which we submit
10th mo 21st 1847
Andrew Austin
Timothy Varney Committee

The womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Elizabeth Hussey with which this Meeting unites

Having accomplished the business at this time we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

11th Mo 1847

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 25th 1847

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Isaac Varney & Andrew Austin who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting (as representatives) inform they all attended

The friend appointed to inform Josiah Prescot of the decision of this Meeting and of his right of appeal informs the service is accomplished

The friend appointed to inform — William Robinson of the decision of not being present is continued to the service

Meeting
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[illegible]

The following extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were read at this time and are satisfactory and by said Minutes we are informed that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock for this year is $35.. (See first part of the Book)

See first part of the Book for these Extracts

Y M Stock $35

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

12th mo 1847

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North-
12th mo 23d 1847

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Aaron Varney who are present

The friend continued last Month to inform William Robinson of his disownment from friends Society and of his right of appeal inform, the Service is accomplished

Com on House & fires

Albert G Hussey Charles E Hill & Aaron Varney are appointed to take the necessary care of our Meeting house fires and [illegible] for the ensuing year

The womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Mary Esther Varney with which this Meeting unites

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey
Clerk

1st mo 1848

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 20th 1848

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney and Albert G Hussey who are present except Aaron Varney for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

The Queries were read in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 27th inst and we appoint Joseph Meader Isaac Varney and Albert G Hussey to attend said Meeting as representatives as representatives

The womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Mary Robinson with which this Meeting unites

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Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Petetiah Hussey Clerk

2d Mo 1848

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2d mo 14th 1848

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Timothy Varney and Andrew Austin who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

Overseers Appointed

The time having expired for which our Overseers were appointed Joseph Meader and William Hill are reappointed to that service for one year

The Womens Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Dorathy Jepson with which this Meeting Unites

Our business being accomplished We conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Petetiah Hussey Clerk

3d Mo 1848

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3d mo 23 1848

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert S Hussey and William Hill who are present

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Petetiah Hussey
Clerk

4th mo 1848

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 20th 1848

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are William Hill & Aaron Varney who are present.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the following answers ~~which~~ which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting by our friends William Hill Aaron Varney & Joseph Meader whom we appoint *representatives thereto

Ans 1st All our Meetings both for religious worship and discipline are attended by nearly all our Members The hour is observed. Clear of unbecoming behaviour except some appearances of sleeping in one or two instances.

Ans 2d We think Love and Unity are Maintained amongst us. Detraction is guarded against No differences have come to our knowledge

A 3d We believe friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation and that they are good examples herein themselves, The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families

A 4th We think friends are clear in the several parts of this Query.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved when required Our Children all partake of learning to fit them for business. and we know of none being placed out from among friends

Ans 6th Clear in the several parts of this Query except one or two instances of Marrying out of the order of society and some contention

Ans 7th Clear as far as appears in the several parts of this Query

Ans 8th We believe friends are generally carefull to inspect their affairs and ~~settle their accounts~~ mostly careful in the timely settlement of their accounts, just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within their income

Ans 9th Careful as to recording One instance of friends comeing amongst us without certificates — in other respects clear

Ans 10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders in some measure as queried after yet we are sensible that there are some cases amongst those ~~that~~ who have seperated themselves from Friends that have been delayed and require more attention Clear as to placing Judgment.

The following Complaint is received from the Overseers through the preparative Meeting against Henry Estes Albert G Hussey and Timothy Varney are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting

Henry Estes Complaint

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Henry Estes a member of our society has for a long time wholly neglected the attendance of our Meetings both for worship and discipline and attends those of those of the seperatists He has also with others aided in an attempt to deprive friends of the use of their Meeting house on which account we have had an interview with him and as he does not appear disposed to make friends Satisfaction We submit the case to the consideration of the Monthly Meeting

North Berwick 4th mo 12th 1845 Joseph Meader
William Hill
Overseers

Complaint Geo Estes

The following Complaint was received from the Overseers through the preparative Meeting against George Estes Edward Buffum and Andrew Austin are appointed to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting,

George Estes a Member of this Meeting has for a Considerable time wholly neglected the attendance of our Meetings, both for worship and discipline and united in the late separation by attending their meetings and otherwise; on which account we have had an opertunity with him, He did not Manifest a disposition to make friends satisfaction for his departure and we therefore submit the case to the Monthly Meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
North Berwick 4th mo 12th 1846

Joseph Meader }
William Hill } Overseers

Treasurer appointed

Pelatiah Hussey Isaac Varney and William Hill are appointed to solicit subscriptions for our Yearly Meeting Stock and other expenses and pay the same when collected to Pelatiah Hussey whom we appoint Treasurer to this Meeting for one year.

Our treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

5th Mo 1848

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th Mo 25th 1848
The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert S Hussey and Edward Buffum who are present

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The Committee in the case of Henry Estes not being prepared to report the case is continued under their care
The committee in the case of George Estes inform they are not prepared to report they are continued to the same service
The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended
Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

6th Mo 1848

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th Mo 22d 1848
The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Isaac Varney and Edward Buffum who are present
The committee in the case of Henry Estes inform that the case has received their care but they are not prepared to report they are continued
The committee in the case of George Estes presented the following report which after a time of consideration was

accepted and he is accordingly disowned from friends Society with which the womens meeting unites and Aaron Varney is appointed to inform him the decision of this Meeting and report at our next Meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting

In accordance with our appointment we have visited George Estes and endeavoured to convince him of his out goings for which he was ~~compla~~ complained of; he did not appear to be disposed to make friends satisfaction but justified himself in the course he is pursuing— We do not — think it will be of any ~~use~~ advantage to him or friends to retain him any longer in membership with us, Which we submit

North Berwick 6th mo 18th 1848

Edward Buffum Committee
Andrew Austin

George Estes disowned

The following removal certificate in favour of Valentine Meader and family from New Bedford Monthly Meeting was read and accepted the Womens Meeting uniting therein—

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Valentine Meader having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting has requested a certificate of removal for himself and family viz His wife Mercy H. and their minor Daughter Mary Anna Meader;
This ~~may~~ is to certify ~~that~~ they are — members of this Meeting ~~Meeting~~ Have been diligent in the attendance of them were of orderly lives and conversations — while with us and appear to have — settled their outward affairs to satisfaction

Valentine Meader Removal Certificate

We therefore recommend them to your christian care and oversight and are your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of friends
George M Eddy Clerk
Elizabeth H Eddy Clerk

New Bedford 5th mo 25th 1848

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

7th mo 1848

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th mo 27th 1848

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Timothy Varney and William Hill who are present

The committee in the case of Henry Estes presented the following report which after a time of consideration thereon was accepted and he is disowned from Friends society the Womens Meeting uniting therein and Isaac Varney is appointed to inform the decision of this Meeting and report at next Meeting

The friend appointed to inform George Estes the decision of this meeting in his case in disowning him from friends Society informs the service is accomplished

Report Henry Estes We your Committee have visited Henry Estes on the subject of his Complaint and do not find him in a state of mind to make Friends satisfaction, nor does he wish friends to wait on him any longer which we submit to the Monthly Meeting 7th mo 27th 1848 Timothy Varney } Albert S Hussey } Com

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Jedediah Hussey Clerk

8th mo 1818

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 17th 1818

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Timothy Varney and Valentine Meader who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly and we appoint our friends William Hill Valentine Meader and Andrew Austin representatives thereto

The friends appointed to inform Henry Estes the decision of this Meeting in his case informs the service is accomplished

This Meeting is united with the ~~[illegible]~~ select Meeting in approving of the gift and publick appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth Hill the Womens Meeting uniting therein and the Clerk is directed to forward to our Quarterly Meeting the necessary information

Elizabeth Hill approved a Minister

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Jedediah Hussey Clerk

9th mo 1818

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 28th 1818

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey & Edward Buffu who are present

Clerk Appointed

the time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Pelatiah Hussey being nominated & united with is appointed to this service for one year

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives, inform they all attended

Yearly Meeting Stock $42..

The following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were read and are satisfactory and we are informed that our proportion of Yearly meeting Stock for the present year is forty two Dollars

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Yearly Meeting Accounts

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournment from the Eleventh of the Sixth Month to the fifteenth of the same inclusive 184,

Second day of the week and 12th of the Month

During the consideration of the state of society as brought into view by the reading of the Queries & the answers recieved from the subordinate branches, the minds of concerned friends were introduced into a lively exercise & travail of spirit for the welfare of Zion and the enlargement of her borders

Friends were exorted to a diligent attendance of our religious Meetings, and feelingly reminded of the duty of retiring for that purpose from our ordinary avocations in the middle of the week, under a sense of the preservation which would thereby be experienced from too close an attachment to the things of this transitory world, as well as the great advantage ~~that~~ resulting from such a practice in preparing our minds even on other occasions for the acceptable worship of him who mercifully regardeth a willing sacrifise of a contrite heart.

The silent burden bearers whose secret exercise for the welfare of the church are sensibly felt therein, the savour of their spirits being truly comforting and strengthening to the living members of the body who are called to labour more publicly for the advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom were were encouraged to faithfulness in their respective — allotments of Service, and to endeavour to maintain their standing as upright pillars in the Lords house, upon whom much weight and responsibility devolves, that so they may be favoured to experience the fulfilment of the gracious promise; "him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Temple of my God and he shall go no more out," and that the precious Doctrines of the Gospel with the testimonies ever maintained by the faithful amongst us may continue to be ~~suppor~~ supported as in former ~~days~~ years, to the Lords honour, and the cause of Truth and Righteousness be ~~thereby the~~ promoted in the earth.

Third day Morning 13th of the Month

Under a consideration of the difficulties and inconveniences to which Friends in divers places are still subjected in consequence of the late — separation with regard to holding our religious Meetings, it is again concluded to extend the liberty heretofore granted to the several Quarterly Meetings to meet according to present arrangements for another year or if from the circumstances stated it shall appear to them necessary to change the times or places of assembling, they are left at liberty to do so, and are requested to report such changes if any, to this Meeting next year —

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to examine and settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes, produced the following report which has been read & accepted. The propositions contained therein to raise "three hundred Dollars for the Meetings use the coming year and also the nomination

of our friend Israel Buffinton as Treasurer are -
approved he is accordingly appointed Treasurer of the
Yearly Meeting for the year ensuing, or untill another
appointment — and our Quarterly Meetings ~~are requd~~
requested to raise and forward to him their respective
proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock
Dover Quarterly Meetings proportion is $42 —
Extracted from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
by Thomas B Gould Clerk
Our business being accomplished we conclude
intending to meet again at the usual time
in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

10th mo 1848

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
North Berwick 10th mo 19th 1848
The Representatives from the preparative
Meeting are Aaron Varney and Andrew Austin
who are present
The Queries were read in this Meeting with
their requisite answers which we forward to
our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our
friends Joseph Meader Aaron Varney and -
Andrew Austin Representatives thereto
Our business being accomplished we
conclude intending to meet again at the
usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th Mo 23rd 1848

The Clerk being absent Albert G Hussey is appointed clerk for the day

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Timothy Varney and William Hill who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Albert G Hussey Clerk for the day

12th mo 1848

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th 28th 1848

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are William Hill and Isaac Varney who are present

The following bill of $10, presented by Lydia E Buffum — the balance of which is $5.75 was subscribed and directed to be paid

Berwick Monthly Meeting
To Lydia E Buffum — Dr

to building fires & sweeping house in 1847	$ 5.00
to " " " " " in 1848	$ 5.00
	10.00
Cr	
by cash	4.25
	$5.75

North Berwick 12th mo 28th 1848

Com on fires

Edward Buffum — Albert G Hussey and Charles E Hill are appointed to take the necessary care of our Meeting House fires & lot for one year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month. Plateel Hussey Clerk

Mo— 1849

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 18th 1849

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader and Andrew Austin who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting by our friends William Hill Aaron Varney and Timothy Varney who we appoint representatives thereto

This Meeting is united with the proposal of the select Meeting in ~~uniting~~ approving of of the ~~public of~~ gift and public appearance in the Ministry of Timothy Varney the women's Meeting have also united therein and the Clerk is directed to forward to our Quarterly Meeting the necessary information

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

2nd Mo 1849

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2 mo 22° 1849

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting were Aaron Varney and Isaac Varney who are present — The Friends appointed attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended

The time having expired for which the Overseers were appointed Timothy Varney Pelatiah Hussey and Isaac Varney are appointed to propose at our next meeting the names of suitable Friends for that station the ensuing year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month   Peltiah Hussey Clerk

3rd mo 1849

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 3rd mo 22d 1849

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney & Albert G Hussey who are present

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to propose the names of suitable persons for Censors now propose the reappointment of Joseph Meader and William Hill which being united with they are appointed to that service for one year

Censors appt'd

* Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month   Peltiah Hussey Clerk

* Our beloved friend Elizabeth Hill opened in this Meeting a prospect which has some time attended her mind of attending Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and a few Meetings within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting which after a time of deliberation was united with and she left at liberty to accomplish the same as truth may open the way she being a minister in Unity with us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a coppy of this Minute and sign it on our behalf

4th mo 1849

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 19th 1849

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney and Albert G Hussey who are present —

The Queries were read in this meeting with the following answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our friends Andrew Austin Isaac Lamy and Valentine Winder represent this there

Ans 1st All our Meetings for worship and discipline are all attended by Most of our Members the hour generally observed Clear of unbecoming behaviour except appearances of drowsiness in a few instances

Ans 2nd Love and unity we think are generally maintained amongst us; detraction guarded against. No differences have ~~appeared~~ come to our knowledge

Ans 3rd We think friends are carefull to bring up those under their Care in plainness as desired after, We know of no pernicious books amongst us, Clear from corrupt conversation, Friends are exemplary in these respects — The holy scriptures we think are frequently read in friends families

Ans 4th We believe friends avoid the use of spirituous liquors and are careful not ~~to~~ frequent ~~places~~ taverns and places of public resort unnecessarily And keep in true Moderation and temperance as is desired after

Ans 5th Clear in the several parts of this query

Ans 6th Careful in the several parts of this query except one or two instances of Marrying out of the order of our society

Ans 7th Clear in the several parts of this query

Ans 8th We believe a care rests on the minds of friends to inspect their affairs and settle their account, and to keep their promises and as far as appears are punctual in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th Careful as to recording Clear as to certificates

Ans 10th We have endeavoured to take some Measures to deal with offenders as required after but are sensible of delay in times, dealing with some of those who have [illegible] from our Society,, Clear as to placing judgment [illegible] to the Meeting for [illegible]

Aaron Varney Pelatiah Hussey & Albert G Hussey are appointed to solicit subscriptions for our Yearly Meeting Stock and when collected to pay the same to our treasurer

Our treasurer is directed to our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Quarterly Meetings treasurer

A removal certificate from Vassalborough Monthly Meeting was received and read in favour of Anna Hussey which was accepted

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

5th Mo 1849

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th Mo 24th 1849

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader and Edward Buffum who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

Wm Hill appointed Elder

This Meeting is united with the select Meeting in the purposal of the appointment of William Hill to the station of an Elder he is therefore appointed to that station the Womens Meeting uniting therein and the Clerk directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting the necessary information.

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

6th Mo 1849

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th mo 28th 1849

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Timothy Varney and Andw Austin who are present

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Hill having returned the certificate granted her in the 3rd mo last informs that she has been enabled to perform the visit described therein to the peace and satisfaction of her own mind and also produced the following returning Minutes viz

E Hill's Returning Minute

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 5th of 6th Mo 1849

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Hill has attended this ~~attended this~~ Meeting with a certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with her ministry and present religious engagements; Her company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid

Peleg Mitchell Clerk

Elizabeth H Eddy

Clerk for the day

E Hill, returning Minute

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Hill attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Berwick Monthly Meeting held at North Berwick 3rd mo 22nd 1849 expressive of their concurrence with her in her prospect Her company and religious services have been very acceptable to us

E Hill's Returning Minute

and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this Minute
Extracted from the minutes of Providence Monthly Meeting held in North Providence 7th mo 30th 1849
by

John F Kenyon
Sarah S Kenyon Clerks

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Hill attended this Meeting with a Minute ~~from~~ of concurrence from Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 22nd 1849 whose company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us
Extracted from the minutes of South Kingston Mo Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton 28th of 5th mo 1849

By Samuel Shefield
Susan C Kay Clerks

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Nehemiah Hussey Clerk

7th mo 1849

Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th Mo 26th 1849
The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin & Isaac Varney who are present —
Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Nehemiah Hussey Clerk

~~8th Mo~~ 1849

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 16th 1849
The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Isaac Varney & Albert G Kersey who are present

The Queries were read with their Requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and to be held 23rd inst appoint our friends Joseph Meader William Hill and Valentine Meader representatives thereto

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

9th Mo 1849

Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th Mo 27th 1849

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Valentine Meader and Albert Hussey who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

Clerk aptd

The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Pelatiah Hussey being nominated and united with is appointed to that service for one year

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives, inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

10th mo 1849

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 18th 1849

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are William Hill and Valentine Meader who are present the Queries were read in this Meeting with the ensuing requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our friends Isaac Varney Andw Austin and Pelatiah Hussey representatives thereto

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

11th Mo 1849

Berwick Monthly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 22d 1849

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin & Isaac Varney who are present. The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

12th mo 1849

Berwick monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 27th 1849

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney & Albert G Hussey who are present

Albert G Hussey Aaron Varney and [illegible] are appointed to take the necessary care of our Meeting house fires &c for one year *

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

* Our beloved Friend Mary S Varney opened in this Meeting a concern which has for some time accompanied her Mind of attending Salem Quarterly Meeting and if way should open for it to visit some of the families belonging to Salem Monthly Meeting

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arney
Minute

Which after a time of deliberation was united with and She left at liberty to accomplish the same as truth may open the way she being a Minister in unity with us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a Coppy of this Minute and Sign the same on our behalf

1st Mo 17th 1850

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 17th 1850

The Representatives from the preparative ~~of Friends held at the~~ Meeting are Andrew Austin & Isaac Varney who are present

The Answers were read in this Meeting with their Requisite answers which are forward to our Quarterly Meeting ~~[illegible]~~ and we appoint our friends Andrew Austin Joseph Miller and Isaac Varney Representatives thereto

Our business being accomplished we conclude [illegible] to Meet again at the usual time in next Month

[illegible] Hussey Clerk

2nd Mo 1850

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2nd mo 28th 1850

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Andrew Austin and Hatevil Hussey who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended

The following complaint was received from the Overseers through the preparative Meeting against Daniel Hanson and we appoint Pinkham Hussey and Aaron Varney to visit him thereon and report at next Meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Daniel Hanson a member of our Meeting has
Daniel for some time wholly neglected the attendance of
Hanson our Meeting and has joined himself with those
Compl^t who have seperated from our Society for which
we have treated with him and after waiting thus
long we think it best to bring his case before
the Monthly Meeting

North Berwick 2^d Mo 21st 1850

Joseph Meader } Overseers
William Hill }

The following complaint is received from the
Overseers through the preparative Meeting against
David S Austin after a time of deliberation
thereon this Meeting has come to the conclusion
D S to disown him from friends society the
Austin Womens Meeting uniting therein and Albert
disowned S Hussey is appointed to inform him ~~thereof~~
the decision of this Meeting and report
at our next Monthly Meeting

David S Austin a Member of our Meeting
has for several years wholly neglected the
David attendance of our Meetings both for worship
S
Austin and Discipline and has married out of the
com order of our Society to a woman not a
plaint member thereof — for which one of us
have treated with him, he does not appear
disposed to make friends any satisfaction
nor manifest any wish to remain a member

318 which we submit to the Monthly Meeting
North Berwick 2nd mo 21st 1850

Joseph Meader
William Hill (Overseers)

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

3rd mo 1850

Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3rd mo 18th 1850

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Albert Hussey and Aaron Young who are present.

The Committee in the case of Daniel Hanson produced the following report which was accepted and this meeting has concluded to disown him from Friends society the Womens Meeting meeting therein and Isaac Young is appointed to inform him the decision of this meeting and report at our next meeting

To the Monthly Meeting

One of us have visited Daniel Hanson and we do not think there is any prospect of his making Friends satisfaction for the transgression set forth in the complaint against him and believe it would not be usefull to retain him any longer a Member of our society

Aaron Young
North Berwick 3rd mo 16th 1850 Pelatiah Hussey

The Friend appointed to inform David S Austin the decision of this Meeting in his case informs that the service is accomplished [illegible] appointed The time having expired for which our Overseers were appointed Joseph Meader & William Hill are appointed [illegible]

[illegible] intending to Meet again at the usual time in next Month — Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

4th mo 1850

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 15th 1850

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney & Isaac Varney who are present

The queries were read in this Meeting with the following answers which forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 25th inst. and we appoint our friends Wm G. Hussey Aaron Varney & Isaac Varney Representatives thereto

The friend appointed to inform Daniel Hanson the decision of this Meeting in his case informs the service is accomplished —

Treasurer appointed The time having expired for which our Treasurer was appointed Pelatiah Hussey is appointed Treasurer to this Meeting for one year —

Com on Y.M. Stock Pelatiah Hussey Aaron Varney and Isaac Varney are appointed to solicit subscriptions for the payment of $50" our proportion of yearly Meeting stock and when collected pay the same to our Treasurer —

Ans 1st All our Meetings both for religious and discipline have been attended by most of our Members the hour observed

Mostly preserved from sleeping care of other unbecoming [illegible]

Ans 2d Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained Detraction guarded against. No differences known abroad amongst us

Ans 3d We think there is a care with Friends to bring those under their direction in plainness to restrain from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation and to be exemplary herein themselves, The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends families,

Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for Medicine, They are preserved from frequenting Taverns, and other places of public resort unnecessarily and are careful to keep in true moderation and temperance

Ans 5th Clear in the several parts of this query so far as appears,

Ans 6th Parents & heads of families are we believe mostly careful that all proceedings with regard to Marriage be conformable to discipline

Ans 7th Clear in the several parts of this query except that one Member has occasionally attended Meetings where the Minister receives a salary for preaching and some con [illegible]

Ans 8th No poor nor cause of complaint in these particulars

Ans 9th Clear in receiving them and conveying their certificates

Ans 10th We think there is a care with Friends to deal with offenders as queried after, except we are sensible of delay in timely dealing with some cases of complaint, and in placing judgment.

Our business being accomplished we concluded intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

[illegible] Clerk

[illegible]

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick [illegible]

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Moses G Hussey and Isaac Varney who are present

The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

We have subscribed at this time $7.37 being the amount of Edward Buffums bill for [illegible] sweeping Meeting house and for wood for the year 1849

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month. Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

6th Mo. 1850

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th Mo 17th 1850

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph & Isaac Varney who are present

We are informed that Valentine Meader requests a removal certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting for himself his wife and Minor Daughter Mary Anna Meader. Aaron Varney & Isaac Varney are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if no objection appears ~~produce~~ prepare one at our next monthly Meeting

Hill
Certificate

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Hill opened in this Meeting a prospect which has for some time rested her mind of attending the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich to be held on Nantucket

Which after a time of deliberation was united with and she left at liberty to accomplish the same as truth may open the way, she being a minister in Unity with us —

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and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a coppy of this minute and sign on our behalf

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

7th mo 1850

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th 25th 1850

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey & Joseph Meader who are present.

The following removal certificate in favour of Valentine Meader & family was read approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk

Valentine Meaders Certificate

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends

Valentine Meader with his wife Mercy H and their minor daughter Mary Emma Meader having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting request our Certificate

This may certify ~~that~~ they are members of this Meeting have been diligent ~~in~~ attenders thereof, were orderly in their lives and conversation while with us and appear to have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction We therefore recommend them to your Christian care and oversight — Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th mo 25th 1850

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

Our Esteemed Friend ~~Elizabeth Holt~~ Mary S Varney having returned the coppy of a minute granted her in the

12th Mo last informs that she was enabled to accomp=lish her visit to her satisfaction and produced the following returning Minute which is acceptable to us

Mary S Varney returning Minute

Our beloved Friend, Mary S Varney attended this Meeting, with a coppy of a Minute from Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 27 th 1849 certifying that she is a minister in Unity with them, and expression of their unity with her prospect of a religious visit amongst us Her company and gospel labours have been acceptable and edifying to us

Extracted from the minutes of Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 1st Mo 17th 1850

Mary Page } Clerks
Geo F Read }

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

8th Mo 1850

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th Mo 15th 1850

The representatives from the preparative Meeting, are Wm Hill & Aaron Varney who are present

The queries were read in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our Friends Joseph Meader [illegible] J Hussey representatives thereto

Our esteemed Friend Elizabeth Hill having returned the Minute granted her in the 6th Mo last informs that she was favoured to accomplish her visit to her satisfaction and produced the following returning Minute which was satisfactory

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Returning Minute E Hill

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Hill attended this Meeting with a copy of a Minute from Berwick Monthly Meeting expressive of their Unity with her Ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and Gospel labours, have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this

Extracted from the Minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Nantucket 4th of 7th Mo 1850

Peleg Mitchell Clerks
Sarah S Paddack

Our business being accomplished we conclude in meeting to Meet again at the usual time in next Month

Ichabod Hussey Clerk

9th Mo 1850

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 26th 1850

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are [illegible] Hussey & [illegible] who are present

Clerk apt

The time having expired for which Clerk was appointed Ichabod Hussey is appointed Clerk to this Meeting for one year

The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended

Levi Goss & Mary

We are informed through the preparative Meeting that Levi Goss proposes publishing his intentions of Marriage with Mary Meader they appeared and declared their intentions accordingly the Womens Meeting inform that they have come to the conclusion

Lydia C Veal & Rebecca J Hussey disowned

to disown Lydia C Veal and said Rebecca Jane Hussey with which this Meeting unites,

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

10th Mo 1850

Berwick Monthly of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 17th 1850

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney & Albert J Hussey who are present. The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our friends Joseph Meader Aaron Varney and Isaac Varney representatives thereto

No objection having appeared against Levi Goves proceeding in Marriage with Mary Meader they are left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends he having produced the following certificate of his clearness to proceed therein and consent of Parents, and William Hill and Peletiah Hussey are appointed to attend said Marriage see that it is conducted orderly and report at next Meeting

Levi Gove certificate

To whom this May concern

This may certify that Levi Gove is a Member of Starksboro Monthly Meeting and clear of Marriage engagements amongst us as far as we know — And we as individuals and members of Starksboro Monthly Meeting do Subscribe our names Benjamin Taber

Lincoln 9th mo 15th 1850 Gabriel Guindon

We give our consent for our son Levi Gove to proceed in Marriage with Mary Meader

Lincoln 9th mo 30 1850 Moses Gove
Martha Gove

Our business being accomplished we concluded intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey

11th Mo 1850

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at South Berwick 11th Mo 28th 1850

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are William Hill and Albert G Hussey who are present

The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended

The Friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Levi Gove and Mary Meader inform they ~~at~~ attended and that it was conducted orderly

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

12th Mo 1850

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at South Berwick 12th Mo 26th 1850

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Isaac Varney and Albert G Hussey who are present

Albert G Hussey William Hill and Aaron Varney are appointed to take the necessary care of our Meeting house Lot and fires for one year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

1st Mo 1851

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 16th 1851

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Aaron Varney who were present

The Queries were read in this meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly meeting and to be held 23 inst and we appoint our friends Joseph Meader Aaron Varney and Isaac Varney representatives thereto

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

2d mo 1851

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2d mo 27th 1851

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader & Wm Hill who are present except Wm Hill

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

The following bill for building fires in the meeting house and for wood was read and accepted and the money subscribed

Berwick Monthly Meeting To Wm Goodwin Dr

for building fires in Meeting house one year	$ 5.00
" Paid for wood	1.00
	$ 6 00

North Berwick 2d mo 27th 1851

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

3rd mo 1851

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 3rd mo 27th 1851

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are William Hill and Aaron Varney who are present

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Obadiah Hussey Clerk

4th mo 1851

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 17th 1851

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert S Hussey & Joseph Meader who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the following answers which we forward to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our friends [illegible] Joseph Meader and William Hill representatives thereto

Overseers appointed — The time having expired for which our Overseers were appointed Joseph Meader and William Hill are reappointed to that service for one year

Treasu Aptd — Albert S Hussey is appointed Treasurer to this Meeting for one year

Y M Stock $42 — By an extract received from our Quarterly Meeting it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is forty two Dollars William Hill Obadiah Hussey & Albert S Hussey is appointed to apportion the same amongst our Members their payment ~~of the same~~ and when collector pay the same to the treasurer of this Meeting

The following removal certificate in favour of Levi Gove and his two Minor Daughters was read and accepted —

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends (Me)
Levi Gove a member of this Meeting having removed with his two Minor Daughters Marosia Jane & Maria A (also members) to reside within the limits of your Meetg requests our certificate —
His temporal affairs being satisfactorily settled among us as far as appears we recommend them to your Christian care
Signed on behalf of Starksboro Monthly Meeting of Friends (Vt) held at Lincoln the 4th of 4th M. 1851

Amos Battey
Susanna Hoag } Clerks
Amos Battey Correspondent

The following removal certificate in favour of Anna Hussey was read approved and directed to be signed by Clerk

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends
Anna Hussey having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate this may certify that she is a member of this Meeting — was a diligent attender thereof — of orderly conversation while with us has settled her outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears and is clear of Marriage engagements, — as such we recommend her to your Christian care and oversight
Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th Mo 17th 1851

Our Treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of Y. Meeting stock to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer

Ans 1 1st Our Meetings have all been attended for religious Worship and discipline by nearly all our members the hour observed mostly ~~[illegible]~~ preserved from sleeping clear of other unbecoming behaviour

Ans 2 Love and Unity are in a good Measure Maintained amongst Detraction guarded against No differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 3 We believe Friends are generally carefull to bring up those under their direction in plainness and are careful to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation friends are exemplary herein themselves We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families

4th Friends are carefull to avoid the use of Spirituous Liquors except for medicinal purposes, Clear of frequenting taverns and places of public resort, and carefull to keep in true moderation and temperance as queried after

5th Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears

6 th Carefull in these respects one instance of keeping company ~~out~~ with one out of society in order for Marriage

7 Generally carefull in the several particulars of this query

8 Carefull in the several parts of this query as far appears

4 Q.9 Careful as to recording clear as to certificates

10th We believe there is a care resting with friends to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried after yet we are sensible of delay in timely dealing with some clear as to placing judgment

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

5th Mo 1851

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th Mo 27th 1851

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Levi Gove who are present

The friends appointed to our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

6th Mo 1851

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th Mo 26th 1851

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey & [illegible] who are present

* Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

* [illegible] Buffum bill for repairing fence was paid in the [illegible] $ 5.25

7th Mo 1851

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at North Berwick 7th Mo 24th 1851
The Representatives from the preparative
Meeting are Moses Varney & William Hill
who are present.
Our business being accomplished we
conclude intending to meet again at
the usual time in next Month—
Jehiel Hussey Clerk

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9th Mo 1851

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at North Berwick 9th Mo 25th 1851
The representatives from the preparative
Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Aaron Varney who
are present
The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly
Meeting as representatives inform they all attended
The following extracts from the Minutes of our
late Yearly Meeting were read at this time
which are satisfactory and by which we
are informed that our proportion of Yearly Meeting
Stock for the ensuing year is forty two Dollars
At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for
New England held on Rhode Island by adjourn
=ment from the 15th of the 6th Mo to the 18th
of the same inclusive 1851
5th day of the week & 17th of the month
The committee appointed yesterday morning
to examine and settle the Treasurers Accounts
and to nominate a Treasurer, have produced
the following report which is satisfactory and
Israel Buffinton is accordingly appointed
Treasurer for the ensuing, and our Quarterly
Meetings are requested to forward to him thirty

Y M
Stock
$.42.,

Extracts Yearly Meeting

respective proportions of three hundred Dollars the sum named in the report and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a coppy of this Minute

Dover Quarterly Meetings proportion being 14 pr ct is forty two Dollars

Sixth day of the week and the 18th of the month

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to take into consideration the proposition from Salem and Dover Quarterly to unite those meetings so as to constitute one Quarterly Meeting have produced the following report. — To the Yearly Meeting now sitting the committee appointed to take into consideration the proposition contained in the accounts from Salem & Dover Quarterly Meetings having met for the purpose were united in judgment that it would be proper to grant their request. which we submit to the Meeting

On behalf of the committee

New Port 17th of 6th Mo 1851 Nathan Buffinton

Mary Ann Tober

Which being deliberately and weightily considered is satisfactory and those Meetings are accordingly united under the name of Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends, to be held as follows On the fourth fifth day of the 8th & 1st months at North Berwick on the 4th 5th day of the 5th mo at Salem & on the 4th 5th day in the 10th Month at Lynn, And this Meeting directs that the junction of the two Meetings take place at Lynn in the 10th mo next, and the Clerk is directed to furnish those meetings respectively with a coppy of this Minute

Extracted from the Minutes by Peleg Mitchell

Clerk to the Meeting this year —

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Pitilah Hussey Clerk

8th Mo 1851

* Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th Mo 21st 1851
The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Levi Goor & William Hill who are present except William Hill for whose absence a satisfactory is given
The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite Answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held and we appoint our Friends Timothy Varney Albert G Hussey and Isaac Varney Representatives thereto
Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month
Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

10th Mo

Berwick Mo Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th Mo 16th 1851
The representatives from the preparative Meeting Timothy Varney and Levi Goor who are present
Clerk Appted — The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Pelatiah Hussey is appointed to that service for one year.
The queries were read at this time with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Lynn the 23 inst and we appoint our friends William Hill Timothy Varney and Pelatiah Hussey representatives thereto.
Pelatiah Hussey Clerk
Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month
Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

11th mo 1851

Berwick Monthly meeting of friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 25th 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney & Isaac Varney who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

12th mo 1851

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 25th 1851

The representatives from the preparative are Aaron Varney & Albert G Hussey who are present

Com on fires

Albert G Hussey & William Hill are appointed to take the necessary care of our meeting house lot and the fires in the meeting for the ensuing year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

1st mo 1852

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 15th 1852

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are William Hill & Levi Goodwin who are present except Wm Hill for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given

The Queries were read with the requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly to be held 22d inst and we appoint our friends

Isaac Varney, Albert G. Hussey & Levi Jones
representatives therefrom
In accordance with the present arrangement
Our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Salem
Request of 2 Mo. meeting — will and our Monthly Meeting will occur on
the same day, we are therefore United in ~~the~~
proposing that the Quarterly Meeting should
change the time of holding our Monthly
meeting to 3d fifth day in the fifth Mo instead of the
4th 5th day as heretofore the Preparative —
Meeting Uniting therein
Our business being accomplished we conclude
intending to meet again at the usual time
in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

2 Mo 1852

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at North Berwick 2 mo 26th 1852
The Representatives from the Preparative
Meeting are Joseph Meader and Isaac Varney
who are present
The Friends appointed to attend our last
Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform
they all attended
Our business being accomplished we
conclude intending to meet again at the usual
time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

3 mo 1852

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
North Berwick 3 mo 25th 1852
The Representatives from the —
Preparative Meeting are Joseph
Meader & Isaac Varney who are
present

The following Extract from the Minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting was read at this time and accepted

Extract Q Mtg

At Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 22d of 1st mo 1852
By an account received from Berwick Monthly Meeting, the following Extract from its Minutes has been ~~received~~ brought before us at this time viz

Berwick

From Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North 1st mo 15th 1852
In accordance with our present arrangement the Quarterly Meeting in 5th mo and our Monthly Meeting occur on the same day, We therefore are united in requesting the Quarterly Meeting to change the time of holding our Monthly Meeting to the 3rd 5th day the 5th mo the Womens Meeting uniting therein
From the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid
Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

And after a time of deliberation thereon the change therein proposed is united with, And this Meeting accordingly directs that Berwick Monthly Meeting in the 5th mo shall be hereafter be held on the third 5th day of the same instead of the 4th as heretofore and at the usual hour the Womens Meeting concurring therein. And the Clerk is directed to furnish Berwick Monthly Meeting with a copy of this Minute

Extracted from the Minutes of the ~~Meeting~~ Quarterly Meeting aforesaid
Valentine Meader Clerk

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month
Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

4th Mo 1852

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 15th 1852
The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Wm Hill & Albert G Hussey who are present
Edward Buffum & Lydia H Varney appeared in this Meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage Pelatiah Hussey and William Hill are appointed to make the necessary enquiry as to the clearness of said Edwd to proceed therein and report to next Meeting

William Hill Pelatiah Hussey & Levi Gove are appointed to apportion and collect subscriptions for our Yearly Meeting stock and when collected to pay the same to our Treasurer

Pelatiah Hussey is appointed treasurer to this Meeting for one year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the ~~second time~~ third fifth day in next month

Pelatiah Hussey

Berwick Monthly 5th Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 20th 1852

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Levi Gove and Albert G Hussey who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the following answers thereto which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Salem 27th inst, and we appoint our friends Timothy Varney William Hill and Levi Gove representatives thereto

Ans 1st All our Meetings have been attended both for religious worship and discipline by the greater part of our members the hour is nearly observed clear of other unbecoming behaviour except a few appearances of sleeping in some at times

Ans 2d Love and Unity are maintained and detraction guarded against, No differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 3 Friends are carefull to bring up those under their care in plainness as queried after Also to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation and are exemplary in these respects themselves the holy scriptures are we believe frequently read in friends families

Ans 4th Friends are carefull to avoid the unnecessary use of Spiritous Liquors and places of Publick resort and to keep in true Moderation and temperance an account of Births and other particulars as queried after

Ans 5th Clear in the several ~~respects of~~ particulars of this query as far as appears —

Ans 6 Parents and heads of Families are generally carefull with the young and unmarried that their proceedings are in conformity with our discipline with one or two exceptions and some care taken

Ans 7 Our testimony against Priests wages are maintained except in one or two instances of attending Meetings where a minister is hired and some care taken. Clear in the other parts of this query

Ans 8 Friends are careful to settle their accounts and punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts as far appears and are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9 Carefull is in recording Births as relates to certificates except one instance of removal

Ans 10 There is a care with friends to deal with offenders in some Measure as queried after but we are sensible of weakness and more delay in timely dealing with some of those that seperated from us than would be best judgment has been placed as queried after

Our treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Quarterly Meeting treasurer

The committee in the case of Edward Buffum report that no objection appears to his proceeding in marriage with Lydia M Carey they are accordingly left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of friends and Pelatiah Hussey and Levi Goove are appointed to attend said Marriage see that it is conducted orderly and report at next Meeting

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

6th Mo 1852

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th Mo 14th 1852

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Levi Gove and Isaac Varney who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended.

The Committee appointed to attend the Marriage of Edwd Buffum & Lydia B Varney inform they attended and that it was conducted orderly

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

7th Mo 1852

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th Mo 26 1852

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert S Hussey & Joseph Meader who are present

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

8th Mo 1852

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th 19th 1852

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Levi Gove & Isaac Varney who are present

The queries were read in this Meeting with the requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 26th inst and we appoint our friends William Hill Joseph Meader & Levi Goove representatives thereto

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th Mo 23d 1852

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting
am Aaron Varney & Isaac Goodwin are present

N.J.M.B. Publish'd Nathan J M Buffinton and Mariah Buffum appeared in this Meeting, and declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended

The following extracts from the Minutes our last Quarterly Meeting was read at this time which is satisfactory

At Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 26th of 8th Mo 1852

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting with an Epistolary communication to Subordinate Meetings, and individual Members, have been receiv'd and read at this time as follows viz — which are satisfactory to us, and the Clerk is directed to transmit such portions of it as may be necessary to our Monthly Meetings — and they are requested to forward their respective proportions

Y.M. Stock of Sixty Dollars, the sum therein named as our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to William Hill the Treasurer of this Meeting — Berwick Monthly Meetings proportion

$42,, being 70 per ct Forty two Dollars, as heretofore

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid

Valentine Meader Clerk

The following Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting with an Epistolary communication to Subordinate Meetings and individual Members have been read at this time and are satisfactory to us — At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at New Port on Rhode Island by adjournments, from the 15th of the 6th Mo to the 16th of the same inclusive 1852

Fourth day of the week and 16th of the Month

In view of the difficulties and embarrassments under which our Friends labour in consequence of the general defection in principle and insubordination in practice of Falmouth, Smithfield, Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings; it is the conclusion of this Meeting that when cases occur of Friends who have manifested a sincere attachment to our ancient Principles and testimonies, removing to live within the limits of any Monthly Meeting which is a branch of either Rhode Island, Salem & Dover or Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, and make application to be received as their Members — it is agreed that such Monthly meeting be left at liberty to receive them and that they be considered as Members thereof, according to the judgment of such Meeting and upon its receiving satisfactory evidence of their being in unity with friends, of orderly life and conversation and of their outward affairs being settled. And in case of their being in necessitous circumstances when such application is made, or of their requiring pecuniary assistance afterwards and within the time already prescribed by our Discipline with regard to the obtaining of settlements, they not having contributed to the funds of the Meeting within the limits of which they reside, it is advised that such friends should receive timely and needful assistance from their respective Monthly Meetings, who are requested (if the matter should prove burthensome to them) to forward their accounts to the Meeting for Sufferings, which having ~~[illegible]~~ approved the same the expense is to be defrayed by a draft on the treasurer of this Meeting.

It is also the sense and judgment of this Meeting that the same rules and regulations may be applied under the direction of first wisdom, to the relief of such sound and consistent friends as may continue to reside within the limits of the four delinquent Quarterly Meetings which have been referred to as well as to such as are members of the three Quarterly Meetings which are still duly represented in this but who may reside within the limits of any Monthly Meeting in either of those Quarters which has not been sustained in subordination to us, by reason of the great defection in principle, and the prevalent unsoundness in doctrine existing amongst the members of such Monthly Meetings generally — Extracted from the Minutes and signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting by

Peleg Mitchel Clerk
to the Meeting this year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time next month

10th m. 1852 Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick
10th 21st 1852

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are William Hill and Albert J. Hussey who are present except one —

Clerk appted The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Pelatiah Hussey is appointed Clerk to this Meeting for one year

The queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Lynn 28th inst and we appoint our friends William Hill Pelatiah Hussey & Isaac Varney representatives thereto -

Nathan J. M. Buffinton and Moriah Buffum having declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage they are left at liberty to accomplish the same in the order of Friends he having produced the following certificate from Swansey Monthly Meeting of his clearness to proceed therein and consent of Friends and Pelatiah Hussey & Levi Gove are appointed to attend the marriage see that it is conducted orderly and report at next Meeting

* Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

11th Mo 1852

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 11th mo 25th 1852

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G. Hussey & Joseph Meader who are present

The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform

× they all attended + except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

The Committee appointed to attend the Marriage of Nathan J M Buffinton and Maria Buffum inform they attended & that it was conducted orderly

We are informed through the Preparative Meeting that Edward Buffum requests a removal certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting for himself and Wife Lydia H. Pelatiah Hussey & Isaac Varney are appointed to join with a committee of Women Friends in making the necessary enquiry and if no objection appears & present one at next Meeting

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time next Month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

* To Barwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Nathan J. M. Buffinton requesting our certificate to innable him to proceed in Marriage with a member of your Meeting

This therefore may certify that he is a member of this Meeting, and is clear of Marriage ingagement with us, and has consent of Parents

We are your Friends

Signed on behalf and by direction of Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 27th 9th month 1852

Thos Wilbur Clerk

12th mo 1852

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 23rd 1852

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are Timothy Varney & William Hill who are present

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to prepare a removal certificate for Edward Buffum & Wife presented the following which was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk

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rtificate

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends
Edward Buffum residing within the limits of your Meeting having requested a removal certificate for himself & Wife Lydia H.
This may certify that they are Members of this were diligent in the attendance thereof while with us and their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction so far as appears As such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight
Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 12th mo 23rd 1852

Pelatiah Hussey } Clerks
Mary M Gove }

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Appointd

The time having expired for which our Overseers were appointed Joseph Meader and William Hill are appointed to that service for one year

William Hill & Joseph Meader are appointed to take the necessary care of our Meeting house fires and lot for one year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

1st mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 20th 1853

The Representatives from the preparative Meeting are [illegible] & Isaac [illegible] who are present.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our friends Joseph Meader Wm Hill and Isaac [illegible] representatives thereto

$7.63 subscribed for wood & making fires

We have subscribed at this time seven dollars 63/100 to pay the bills for wood and making the fires to this date

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

2d mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2d mo 14th 1853

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader & William Hill who are present

The Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

3rd mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo 24th 1853

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey + Isaac Varney who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

4th mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th mo 21st 1853

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney & Wm Hill who are present

We are informed through the Preparative Meeting that Levi Gove requests a removal certificate to Salem Monthly meeting for himself and family William Hill & Albert G Hussey are appointed to make the necessary enquiry in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends and if no objection appears present one at next meeting

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

5th mo 1853

Berwick Monthly of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 19th 1853

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey and Aaron Varney who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the following answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at Salem 14th inst and we appoint our friends Joseph Mather, William Hill and Timothy Carney representatives thereto

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by the greater part of our Members the hour observed nearly all preserve from sleeping Clear of other unbecoming behaviour

Ans 2d Love and Unity are maintained and detraction guarded against No differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 3d Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness as required, and to restrain them from reading pernicious Books and from corrupt conversation and are exemplary herein themselves the Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends families

Ans 4th Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears

Ans 5th We know of no cause of complaint in any of the particulars of this Query

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families are generally mindful ~~that~~ all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline except two instances of marrying out of the order of Friends which are under notice and one instance of keeping company on account of marriage with a person not a Member and some care taken

Ans 7th Clear in the several particulars of this query except one instance of attending Meeting where a hireling Minister is employed and some care taken

Ans 8th Friends are carefull to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts and are generally — punctual to their promises, and carefull to live within their income

Ans 9th Mostly carefull as to recording & clear as to certificates —

Ans 10th There is a care rests with friends to deal with offenders in some measure as queried after yet we are sensible that a more timely dealing in some instances would be better
Clear as to placing judgments

The committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate for Levi Gove and family presented the following which was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends

Levi Gove with his wife Mary M and their ~~three~~ Minor Children viz Nancy J Maria A and William H — having removed within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate This may certify on their behalf that they are Members of our Meeting and were diligent in the attendance thereof while with us of orderly life and conversation and their outward affairs are settled as far as appears as such we recommend them to your Christian ~~oversight~~ care and oversight.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th mo 19th 1853

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complaint J H Meader — The following complaint is received from the overseers through the Preparative Meeting against Joseph H. Meader ~~against~~ Pelatiah Hussey and Aaron Varney are appointed to visit him on account thereof and report to meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
Joseph H. Meader a member of our meeting having so far deviated from the order and discipline of our Society as to accomplish marriage with a person not in membership with us which is referred to the notice of the meeting North Berwick 5th mo 12th 1853

William Hill Overseer

complaint J. H Buffum — The following complaint is received from the overseers ~~against~~ through the preparative meeting against David H Buffum Albert J Hussey and Timothy Varney is appointed to visit him thereon and report at next meeting

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
David H Buffum a member of our meeting has for some time much neglected the attendance of them and frequently attended other meetings and has married out of the order of Friends to a woman not in membership with us We refer his case to the notice of the monthly meeting
No Berwick 5th mo 12th 1853

William Hill
Joseph Meader
Overseers

Pelatiah Hussey William Hill and Joseph Meader are appointed to solicit subscriptions for our yearly meeting Stock and when collected pay the same to our treasurer

Treasr Appointed

Jedediah Hussey is appointed Treasurer to this meeting for one year —

Our Treasurer is directed forward our prop proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer —

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Jedediah Hussey Clerk

6th Mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at North Berwick 6th Mo 24th 1853

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader & Isaac Varney who are present

The friends appointed to attend our last Monthly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

The committee in the case of Joseph H. Meader inform they have not accomplished the object of their appointment they are continued

The committee in the case of David H. Buffum inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Jedediah Hussey Clerk

7th Mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th Mo 28th 1853 — The representatives from the Preparative meeting are Albert J Hussey & Simeon Varney who are present the committee in the case of Joseph H Meader inform they have taken care in the case but are not prepared to report they are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee in the case of David H Buffum inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Nathaniel Hussey Clerk

8th Mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th mo 18th 1853

The representatives from the preparative are Joseph Meader and Isaac Varney who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the requisite answers, which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 25th Inst and we appoint our friends Aaron Varney William Hill and Timothy Varney representatives thereto

The committee in the case of Joseph H Meader inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

The committee in the case of David H Buffum inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Hill opened in this Meeting a concern which had at times for several years ~~attended~~ accompanied her mind of attending Ohio Yearly Meeting and if way should

Hill accompanied

open for it a few Meetings within its limits
and believe the time had fully come for her
to bring it before her friends,
After a time of deliberation thereon the
prospect was united with and she left at
liberty to attend to it as truth may open
the way She being a Minister in Unity
with us
Signed by direction & on behalf of Berwick
Monthly Meeting of Friends held at South
Berwick 8th mo 15th 1853

Pelatiah Hussey

Our business being accomplished we
conclude intending to meet again at
the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

9th Mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held 9th
mo 22d 1853
The Representatives from the Preparative
Meeting are Joseph Meader & Aaron Varney
who are present
The friends appointed to attend our last
Quarterly Meeting as representatives
inform they all attended
The committee in the case of Joseph H
Meader inform they are not prepared to
report they are continued
The Committee in the case of David H Buffum
D H presented the following report which is
Buffum accepted and he accordingly disowned from
disowned membership with friends the Womens Meeting
uniting therein and Isaac Varney is
appointed to inform him the decision
of this Meeting and report at next
Meeting.

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends
We have visited Daniel H. Buffum according
to appointment and do not find him in
a suitable condition of Mind to make
friendly satisfaction for the deviations
set forth in the complaint and in our
opinion no advantage would be derived by
retaining him a member
No Berwick 9th mo 22 1857

Timothy Varney }
Albert G Hussey } Committee

Our business being accomplished we
conclude intending to meet again at the
usual time in next month

Peletiah Hussey Clerk

10th Mo 1857

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held
at North Berwick 10th mo 20th 1857
The representatives from the Preparative
Meeting are Joseph Meader & Albert G Hussey
who are present
The Queries were read at this time with
the requisite answers which we forward to
our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint
our friends ~~Peletiah~~ Hussey Joseph Meader
& William Hill representatives thereto
Our Esteemed friend Elizabeth Hill having
returned the Minute granted her in the 8th mo
last informs that she was enabled to
perform the visit described therein to the
satisfaction of her own Mind
The committee in the case of Joseph
Meader inform they are not prepared to
report they are continued
The friend appointed to inform Daniel
H. Buffum the decision of this Meeting

in this case informing the service is accomplished
The following removal certificate in favour of Edward Buffum & wife ~~was~~ from Salem Monthly Meeting was read and accepted

Lynn 9th mo 8th 185

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Edward Buffum having removed with his wife Lydia H from within the limits of this Meeting, to reside within the limits of your meeting, has requested our certificate. This is to certify on their behalf that they are Members of this Meeting and of orderly deportment while with us and diligent attenders of Meetings when circumstances would admit. Their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears. We therefore recommend them to your ~~oversight~~ christian care and oversight and are your friends.
Signed by direction and on behalf of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the time above named.

William B Oliver }
Mercy H Meader } Clerks

A removal certificate to Swansey Monthly Meeting in favour of Mariah Buffinton was read at this time and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month.

Rachel Hussey Clerk

11th mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at North Berwick 11th mo 24th 1853
The Representatives from the ~~monthly~~
Preparative Meeting are Albert F. Hussey
and Isaac Varney who are present
The friends appointed to attend our late
Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform
they all attended
The Committee in the case of Joseph
H. Meader inform they are not prepared
to report they are continued
Our business being ~~concluded~~
accomplished we conclude intending
to meet again at the usual time
in next month

Pelatiah Hussey
Clerk

12th mo 1853

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at North Berwick 12th mo 22d 1853
The representatives from the Preparative
Meeting are William Hill & Aaron
Varney who are present
The committee in the case of
Joseph H. Meader inform they are
not prepared to report they are
continued

Overseers appointed — The time having expired for which
Our overseers were appointed Joseph
Meader and William Hill are appointed
to that service for one year

Care of fires — Albert G. Hussey & Aaron Varney are
appointed to take the necessary care
of our Meeting house fires and &c
for one year

The following extract from the Minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting was read and our satisfaction viz

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 25th of the 8th mo 1853

The following extract from ~~the~~ Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting was received and read to our satisfaction to wit

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at New Port on Rhode Island by adjournment from the 12th of the 6th mo to the 16th of the same inclusive 1853

3rd day of the week and 14th of the Month.

The committee appointed yesterday Morning to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts, and to propose a Treasurer have made the following report — which is united with and Israel Buffinton is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of four hundred Dollars the sum agreed upon to be raised and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a coppy of this Minute

Salem & Dover Quarterly Meetings proportion
being 20 pr ct is $80..
Extracted from the Minutes
Peleg Mitchell Clerk
to the Meeting this year

Also our Monthly are requested to pay their respective proportions of 80 Dollars the sum therein named as our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish those Meetings respectively with a coppy of this Minute — On behalf of the Meeting aforesaid

Y M Stock $56.. Berwick Monthly portion Valentine Meader Clerk
being 70 pr ct is fifty six Dollars

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

1st mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 1st mo 19th 1854.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Albert G. Hussey and Aaron Varney two are present

The Queries were read at this time with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting, and we appoint our friends Joseph Meader Pelatiah Hussey & Timothy Varney representatives thereto

The committee in the case of Joseph H. Meader inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

2 mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 2 mo 23 1854

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney and Isaac Varney who are present except one

Clerk Apt'd

The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Pelatiah Hussey is appointed to that service for one year

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

The committee in the case of Joseph H. Meader inform they are not prepared to report they are continued

Subscription [illegible]

We have subscribed at this time $6.75 to pay the bill for building fires and for wood the past year

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month   Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

3rd mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends held at North Berwick 3rd mo 23rd 1854

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey & Aaron Varney who are present

The friend whose absence was noticed on the records of last month as representative has given a satisfactory reason for not being present

The committee in the case of Joseph H Meader presented the following report also the following communication from him which are accepted and he accordingly restored to the rights of membership and Albert G Hussey is to inform him the decision of this meeting

Report in case of J H Meader

To the Monthly Meeting

We have visited Joseph H Meader on the subject of complaint against him, he has put into our hands a communication which we present, and believe it may be best to retain him in membership

3rd mo 23rd 1854   Aaron Varney
Pelatiah Hussey } Com

Acknowledgment J H M

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of friends. Dear friends Having deviated from the good order and discipline of friends by marrying a woman who was not a member of our Society and by neglecting the attendance of Meetings but still feeling an attachment to the principles and practices of Friends I desire them to overlook my transgressions of their good order and discipline and still continue their care over me for good   Joseph H Meader

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month   Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

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4th Mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 4th Mo 20th 1854

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Joseph Meader & William Hill who are present

The appointed to inform Joseph H Meader the decision of this Meeting in his case informs the service is not accomplished he is continued to the same service

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month Nathan Hussey Clerk

5th Mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 5th Mo 18th 1854

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Edwd Buffum and Albert G Hussey who are present

The queries were read in this Meeting with the following answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and we appoint our friends William Hill Timothy Varney and Edwd Buffum representatives thereto

The friend appointed to inform Joseph H Meader the decision of this Meeting in his case informs the service is accomplished

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by nearly all of our members the hour observed mostly preserved from sleeping clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled

Ans 2 Love and Unity are maintained and detraction guarded against) No Differences as far as we know of

3 Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech

behaviour and apparell we know of no pernicious books amongst us Careful as to conversation and in keeping them themselves The Holy Scriptures are believed frequently read in Friends families

4 Friends are clear of any violation in the requisitions of this query

5th Clear in the several particulars of this query

6 Parents & heads of families are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to Marriage be conformable to discipline except one case of Marriage with a woman not a Member

7 Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears

8 We believe friends are conformable to what is required by this query

9th Friends are careful as to recording clear as to Certificates except one instance of removal

10th There is a concern with friends to deal with offenders in a measure as required after yet we are sensible there is a delay in some instances, Judgment has been placed where it appears necessary according to our discipline

Our beloved Friend Mary [illegible] having opened in this Meeting a prospect which had for some months accompanied her mind of attending Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and most of the Meetings constituting it and also some of those of Rhode Island Quarter and if way should open for it to appoint some Meetings, which after a time of deliberation was united with and she left at liberty to pursue the same as truth may open the way She being a Minister in Unity with us the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a coppy of this Minute and sign it on our behalf

The Clerk is directed to forward ~~and~~ our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the

Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Meletiah Hussey Clerk

6th Mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 6th of 6th mo 1854

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Joseph S. Meader and Charles Buffum who are present

We are informed that the funds appointed to be raised in our last Quarterly Meeting are all attended

The Overseers Meeting inform they have come to the conclusion to disown Matilda Burleigh with which this Meeting unites

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Meletiah Hussey
Clerk

7th Mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 7th of 7th mo 1854

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Albert J. Hussey and Edward Buffum who were present

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next month

Meletiah Hussey Clerk

8th Mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 8th Mo 17th 1854

The representatives from the preparative Meeting are Aaron Varney & Isaac Varney who are present

The Queries were read in this Meeting with their requisite answers, which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting to be held 24th inst and we appoint our friends Joseph J Meader Timothy Varney and William Hill representatives thereto

Our business being all accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Mitchell Hussey
Clerk

9th Mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 9th mo 28th 1854

The friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting as representatives inform they all attended

The following Extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly and Quarterly Meetings were read at this time which are satisfactory

At Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held North Berwick 8th mo 24th 1854

Extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting have been received and read to our satisfaction they are as follows

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at New Port on Rhode Island by adjournment from the 11th of the 6th mo 1854 to the 14th of the same inclusive

3rd day of the week & 15th of the month —
The committee appointed to examine and settle
the Treasurers accounts & for other purposes
have made the following report which was
read and approved and Israel Buffinton
was accordingly appointed treasurer of this
Meeting for the ensuing year and our
several Quarterly Meetings are requested to
forward to him their respective proportion
of three hundred Dollars the sum agreed
upon Salem & Dover Quarterly Meetings —
proportion being 20 per cent is Sixty Dollars

4th day of the week and 16th of the month
The committee at a previous sitting to
consider the subject of extending the minutes
of 1852 have recommended to the Yearly
Meeting the adoption of the following
It is the sense and judgment of this Meeting
that so much of the Minute in the year
1852 as relates to removals be extended and
its benefits applied to such Sound ~~friends~~
and consistent Friends as may remove
into any Monthly Meeting which is a —
branch of either Rhode Island Salem
& Dover or Sandwich ~~Monthly~~ Quarterly
Meetings from within the limits of other
Yearly Meetings — on their making —
application to such Monthly Meeting and
producing such evidence of their right
of Membership and the settlement of
their outward affairs as is regarded
in said minute — which having been
read was approved the womens meeting
uniting therein — Extracted from the
Minutes ~~[illegible]~~ of the Yearly Meeting
and Signed by direction and in behalf thereof by
Peleg Mitchell Clerk

And the Clerk is directed to transmit such portions thereof to our several Monthly Meetings as may be necessary for their information together with a copy of this minute those meetings are directed to pay their respective proportions of $60 the same ratio as our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the treasurer of this Meeting
Berwick Monthly Meetings proportion being 70 per cent is $42 — agreeable to direction and on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting aforesaid by

Valentine Meader Clerk

Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk

10th mo 1854

Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th mo 19th 1854
The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Albert G Hussey & Isaac Varney who are present
The Queries were read at this time with their requisite answers which we forward to our Quarterly Meeting and appoint our friends Joseph Meader Timothy Varney and Pelatiah Hussey representatives thereto
Our business being accomplished we conclude intending to meet again at the usual time in next Month

Pelatiah Hussey Clerk